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Town Topics Xmas Fund Launches 52nd Appeal To Help Out Neighbors

This 52nd appeal for contributions marks a Princeton tradition that started more than half a century ago. Beginning with the first TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund, in 1947, people have each year reached out a helping hand to their neighbors in need by contributing to the fund.

Town Topics was only a year-and-a-half old when Dan Coyle and Donald C. Stuart, the founding publishers and editors, launched their appeal. At the beginning of the holiday season, just two years after the end of World War II, Mr. Coyle and Mr. Stuart wrote, "We appeal to those Princetonians who are anxious to share the brightness of their Christmases with others less fortunate than themselves, with others whose marginal way of life forces them to live in the shadows where Christmas is just another day."

Last year's Christmas Fund received contributions totaling \$64,513. These were mostly from individuals, but some also came from charitable foundations. Every dollar of this was spent to help people in need. All contributions are administered by Family & Children's Service of Central New Jersey, a not-for-profit social service agency located on John Street.

With the money raised from the greater Princeton community, Family & Children's Services is able to provide direct financial assistance to individuals and families who are in need of help, whether the need is to send a child to summer camp, pay for a student's books, or teach a mother how to help her child.

A person seeking help is seen by a volunteer counsellor at Family Service. This individual speaks with the applicants, makes phone calls on their behalf, listens to them, and provides encouragement to those who are trying to help themselves.

Princeton is a beautiful and bustling town, perhaps never more so than during the Christmas season. But sometimes it is necessary to look beyond the apparent ease and comfort of most passersby and remember that some are having a difficult time. The Town Topics

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PRS Wants Special Ed Back in the Mainstream

Charles Bryant, director of student services for the Princeton Regional Schools, says the way students are classified for special education services in New Jersey is nothing short of "insanity."

A district child study team — usually a school psychologist, a social worker, a guidance counselor, and other special education personnel — determines which students need special education, whether they can obtain it in the district or must be sent to a special school, and how they should be classified to receive the kind of help the team has decided they need.

"It is insanity that the child study team is the only group authorized to do this," Mr. Bryant pointed out at a recent meeting of the PRS Minority Education Committee. "I think the

child study team should serve as consultants only. The education of children needs to be a mainstream function."

Mr. Bryant's proposal — presented at both the committee meeting and the Board of Education meeting on November 24 — is to utilize a group he calls the "pupil assistance team."

Teams at each school would consist of building administrators and teachers; the teams would have sufficient resources in the budget — and the authority — to initiate programs that meet the needs of individual students.

"These teams would serve at-risk kids and would resolve problems in the mainstream before they became special education issues," Mr. Bryant explained. "They would

develop a different response than now exists. For this concept to work, regular educators must be involved."

(Mr. Bryant explained that the program would have no impact on children with truly disabling mental or physical handicaps and that it was not intended for them.)

He presented the proposal first in the context of a committee discussion on the disproportionate number of minority students in special education classes — from elementary school through high school.

One would expect that if learning difficulties were identified early in the educational process, the percentage of students in special education classes would decline in the higher grades. The opposite seems to be true — particularly for minority students.

Jane Sheehan, co-president of the Special Ed Parent Teachers Organization, suggested that perhaps students with special needs manage to cope in the lower grades, but cannot continue beyond the middle school level. "Or maybe we under-classify in grades K-5,

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TRAVELERS RETURN HOME: Blues Traveler, a group that formed at Princeton High School and went on to international fame, returned Friday night for a concert at Princeton University's Dillon Gym. John Popper, the group's lead singer and harmonica virtuoso, is shown at the mike, with Chan Kinchla on the left.

A Major Gift Brings Arts Council Addition Much Closer to Reality

An \$800,000 donation by Pretty Brook Road resident David Mathey has brought the Arts Council's fundraising campaign closer to its announced goal of \$3.5 million. The capital campaign, which was launched in April, 1997, has sought contributions for the construction of an addition to the current Arts Council building, located on the corner of Witherspoon Street and Paul Robeson Place.

The proposed new addition, which was designed by Michael Graves, will go before the Regional Planning Board for concept review on Thursday, December 17. This is the first public building in Princeton to be designed by Mr. Graves, the Schirmer Professor of Architecture at Princeton University.

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BRAVE KINDERGARTNER: 5-year-old Erika Haynes called 911 when her diabetic mother, Heather Haynes, recently collapsed due to low blood sugar. Her call may well have saved her mother's life.

Heroic 5-Year-Old Girl Calls 911; Saves Her Mom

A quick-thinking 5-year-old probably saved her mother's life on the night of November 19. Erika Haynes called 911 after her mother Heather, who is diabetic, collapsed from low blood sugar and was in danger of drifting into a coma.

"I definitely think she saved my life," said Ms. Haynes, who works as a librarian at the American Boychoir School and lives on its campus with her husband David and Erika.

Authorities received the 911 call around 9:45, police said. Ms. Haynes was taken to the Princeton Medical Center by the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad and released later that night.

Mr. Haynes, the school's assistant headmaster, had accompanied a student to PMC earlier that evening and was informed of his wife's condition upon her arrival. Erika and her mother were alone in their quarters when Heather collapsed.

"I tried to talk to her and she didn't answer. So I tried to give her a gel packet. But she couldn't take it. Then I called 911," Erika said.

Heather said the gel packet her daughter tried to give her contained glucose. She could not remember exactly when she passed out. While her mother was taken to PMC, Erika was left in the care of Mary Jo Thompson, the headmaster's wife.

Erika had the presence of mind to tell the 911 operator the number code emergency workers would need to gain

access to the Ettl Hall dorm where she and her family live. She switched a light in her apartment on and off as a beacon to arriving EMTs.

According to emergency reports, Ms. Haynes was semi-conscious but unresponsive when help arrived. "If she was by herself and the little girl had not called us, she might have drifted into a diabetic coma," Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad chief Michael Bonotto said.

When asked if she was frightened when her mother collapsed, Erika answered: "No. I was very brave."

When her actions became known, the brave kindergartner received a hero's reception at her school, Johnson Park. She got to visit several classrooms to tell her classmates what had happened.

"It made me feel proud inside," Erika said of her deservedly special treatment. "I talked to a fourth grade class. I'd never been in a fourth grade [classroom] before."

—Albert Raboteau

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Happy Thanksgiving: Kindergarten children celebrate at the Princeton Junior School. From left, Hannah Thorpe, Roger Mittnacht and Jack Willoughby in holiday costume.

PRS Considers Current Budget Freeze; Plans to Cut Next Year's \$43 Million Total

At the Princeton Regional Schools Board of Education meeting on November 24, members approved a 90-day freeze of the current district budget, recommended by the administration, effective immediately.

In addition, they reviewed proposals to curtail the proposed 1999-2000 budget, which — at \$43.2 million — exceeds the state-mandated three percent budget cap by \$5 million.

Next year's tab represents a 12.6 percent increase over the current budget; and the increase would translate to a tax levy of \$1.16 per \$100 of assessed property value.

Interim Superintendent Dan Swirsky announced that the budget freeze was necessary because special education tuition and transportation costs for students placed out of district had unexpectedly increased by a total of \$100,000.

Budget freezes have occurred in the district before, but usually not until the spring, Dr. Swirsky said. "Our next 90 days are the most uncertain in the entire year,"

he added, explaining that two unpredictable factors — winter weather conditions and additional out-of-district placements — could wreak havoc with current expenses that have already exceeded expectations.

The freeze was reviewed at a Finance Committee meeting on November 23. Committee Chair Bucky Hayes asked whether it also implied a hiring freeze. "Not unless it is related to operations," responded Dr. Swirsky. It does not affect salaries, he added.

Most of the money for educational activities has already been committed and would not be affected by the freeze, he said. "Sixty to 70 percent of the committed expenditures related to instruction are already in the mix; and most instructional materials have been purchased."

"No Impact"

Michael Littman wanted to know what impact the freeze would have on children; and Dr. Swirsky replied "None." He said funds remain in the budget for various line items. Amounts that are not already "encumbered" or committed will be held. Non-essential audio-visual equipment that breaks, for example, will not be fixed.

Mr. Littman queried whether special ed placements have been unusually high during the 1998-99 academic year.

"In June 1998, there were 86 children in special education," responded Charles Bryant, director of student services. "In September, there were 76, but we are swinging back up now." Enrollment is currently 82.

Mr. Hayes suggested that for the next academic year, "rolling budget" items be included to accommodate unexpected expenses like special ed.

The preliminary budget of \$43.2 million for academic year 1999-2000 was

introduced at a board meeting last month.

Major increases would include more than \$860 thousand for employee health insurance costs; a capital projects cost of nearly \$1 million; and a \$1.3 million increase in salary costs. Special education costs would also rise by \$834 thousand.

Dr. Swirsky recommended an immediate cost-cutting measure: extending the district's deferred maintenance plan from five years to ten, thus reducing capital

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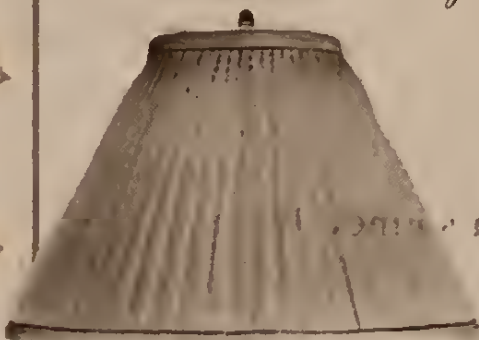
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Budget Freeze

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costs in 1999-2000 from \$2.8 million to \$1.8 million. One million dollars represents 2.5 tax points, or a tax rate reduction of 2.5 cents. "Our only alternative is a bond issue," he declared.

Other budget suggestions included the imposition of a \$150 activities or co-curricular fee on every child in the middle and high school, as preferable to curtailing program activities because of cost.

Board members protested that the fees would create hardship for many families; and that larger sources of revenue are available anyway.

Suggestions included bringing services into the district that are now purchased outside, such as the establishment of special education and alternative school programs within Princeton Regional.

The average special education tuition for an out-of-district placement is \$26,000, Mr. Bryant said. With 82 students currently enrolled in schools outside Princeton, the total special ed tuition exceeds \$2 million. The budgeted increase of \$834,000 may prove inadequate next year, as the budgeted amount already has this year.

Board members called on the administration to investigate charging tuition to tax-exempt institutions with employees whose children attend the public schools.

Assistant Superintendent Robert Ginsberg suggested that services shared with other districts could also save PRS considerable money.

"We've got to decide which areas to select for cost containment," Dr. Swirsky declared. "They aren't all equal. We need to come up with an A-to-Z list, something we have never done in this district before."

Board member Walter Frank called for "real concrete analysis," as did Mr. Hayes. "If, after we have examined everything in detail, we decide we want to go over the cap, we might do it," suggested Mr. Frank. "I don't want to appeal to the community without first examining all costs thoroughly."

There will be an opportunity for public input on the 1999-2000 budget at every board meeting between now and March 23. Budget discussions will also occur at every Finance Committee meeting; and neighborhood budget hearings will take place in March.

—Anne Rivera

Seniors May Make Free Holiday Calls Dec. 5

An opportunity to "reach out and touch someone" will be available to Princeton area seniors and disabled persons this holiday season. On Saturday, December 5, from noon to 1 p.m., Merrill Lynch will offer each person who signs up one hour of free phone calls anywhere in the world.

Those with their own transportation should arrive at Merrill Lynch by 11:45 a.m. For those who require transportation, a school bus will be available to take participants to Merrill Lynch's Princeton headquarters.

The bus will pick up at Elm Court at 11, Redding Circle at 11:10, and Spruce Circle at 11:20.

Participants are asked to bring their phone lists of family and friends with them. When possible, arrangements with the person to be called should be made beforehand to prevent disappointment. Each person has one hour to complete all calls.

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Board of Education Ponders Alternative High School

High School Principal John Kazmark says that as many as 100 students — a tenth of the total high school enrollment — are not well served by the educational program offered at PHS.

With its emphasis on college preparation, Dr. Kazmark argues, the high school offers no place for those who are not academically motivated.

"We've got to provide alternative programs to engage them where they are," the principal insists. At the board of education meeting on November 24, he proposed the creation of an alternative school at the high school, a "school within a school."

"We've got to accept the fact that not all students have the same interests and not everyone learns in the same way," he said, pointing out, for instance, that there is now almost no vocational emphasis at the high school.

The district transports students to several alternative programs, including the Performing Arts High School at Mercer County Community College and an alternative high school program there; but these courses cannot accommodate all who might benefit from them.

Some students manage to graduate anyway, Dr. Kazmark says, but for about 50 of the 100 who are "not hooked in at all" the situation is critical.

Some Left Behind
"They are falling behind; if

they don't move up, they don't leave in their senior year. We have a burgeoning group of these students in the junior class," Dr. Kazmark told TOWN TOPICS.

"Many do not make it. They drop out, or they move on to another school that meets their needs." The principal stressed the importance of a system of checks and balances in the early years of high school, to identify students likely to fall behind.

It isn't only the structure of the program at Princeton High School that is to blame, the principal commented. Many students would be the first generation in their families to attend college, and college would constitute a heavy financial burden for their parents.

"Those who want to continue in school should be encouraged to do so. We need to counsel families about ways to assist their children."

Campus Concept

The creation of a "campus area" in which programs of the John Witherspoon Middle School and Princeton High School could be combined, might be one way of incorporating an alternative school within the district, Dr. Kazmark said.

It is not the only way, although some modification or renovation of the high school will have to occur.

The concept of a campus was first introduced at a Board of Education retreat on November 7. (See TOWN TOPICS, November 11). High School Site Council members also discussed it at their meeting this month.

Zoning Board to Hear Final Harris Rd. Debate

Closing arguments on the Medical Center's application to use residences on Harris Road as offices will be heard before the Township Zoning Board at a special meeting on December 1, at 8, at the municipal building, 369 Witherspoon Street.

The hearing, the sixth on the hospital's application, is continued from September 23. A hearing scheduled for November 11 was postponed, because the hospital's planner, Philip Caton, could not be present.

Were the campus to be constructed — between the middle school and the high school in the block bounded by Franklin Street and Guyot Avenue — it might include a performing arts center, as well as a science and technology center, according to a "conceptual plan" developed by the Lawrenceville architectural firm Prisco & Edwards.

The movement of some classes from the high school to the new facilities would vacate space that could be used for vocational courses and other non-traditional programs.

The cost of sending students off campus can run as high as \$1 million. If students remained on campus, some of these funds would remain in the district.


Site Council members stressed the importance of creating an alternative school that would be viewed as "different" — rather than "inferior."



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HOAGIE HELPER: Riverside School students about to demolish a hoagie, are pictured with kindergarten teacher Carol Lang, a member of the school's service committee. From left, Leila Shayegan, Polina Gouskova, and Katharine Scott. The service committee recently held its annual hoagie fundraiser to benefit the Jetta Hall Fund, which provides financial support to Riverside students. For information, call 924-7921.

Alternative Programs could be created in the immediate future, if the community decides it wants to support expansion of the PHS facility, the superintendent said. "The program could be phased in over a period of time."

One suggestion was to assign names such as "culinary school," or "school of architectural and landscape design" to alternative school programs.

The development of a campus is contingent upon community support, according to Interim Superintendent Dan Swirsky.

"An alternative high school

parents, other community representatives, and school personnel. The district will also hold public forums on long-range planning.

"Even though we are talking about ways in which the high school fails to meet the needs of all students, it is a very successful place for many kids," Dr. Kazmark emphasized. "If we can offer more, we should do so, until every single student is fully engaged." —Anne Rivera

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Hearing Postponed Pending Green Acres Ruling on Sporthall

The Township Committee hearing on a Princeton Tennis Program (PTP) proposal to enclose three tennis courts in Community Park South — originally scheduled for Monday, November 30 — has been postponed.

At press time, Township attorney Edwin Schmlerer had received no response to his request for a legal opinion from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on whether Green Acres regulations prohibit the proposed construction.

Because Green Acres funding was used for the purchase of land in Community Park North, certain restrictions must be followed in the development of all public lands within the Township.

"Once a municipality has received Green Acres funding from the DEP," Mr. Schmlerer explained recently, "it is prohibited from using any public parklands in a way inconsistent with Green Acres purposes."

Mr. Schmlerer sought clarification from the state on the proposed construction, following a presentation by attorney R. William Potter at the last Township Committee meeting, November 9. Mr. Potter charged that the tennis enclosure would violate both state and federal Green Acres regulations.

Neighbors Opposed

Mr. Potter represents the Community Park Neighborhood Alliance, a group of residents opposed to the enclosure.

PTP proposed enclosure of the three courts nearest Route 206 last April, as a \$1 million "gift" to Princeton that would facilitate year-round play.

The structure would consist of an aluminum framework covered by plastic fabric, with a translucent white top and sides made of green fabric. It would rise to a height of 42 feet at its peak, and would be 12 feet high along the sides.

There are no indoor courts in the immediate vicinity; and construction of the sporthall is supported by members of the Recreation Board and by the Recreation Department, for which PTP manages a tennis instruction program.

Members of the Alliance contend that the sporthall would blight their view of Mountain Lakes Ridge and encroach on the park's open space.

Mr. Schmlerer said Jeanne Donlon, chief legal advisor to the DEP's Green Acres program, had assured him an opinion would be forthcoming before November 30.

He added that he believed the opinion would confirm his own reading of newly-issued Green Acres regulations concerning "inventoried lands"—a list of existing Township park lands outside the Green Acres designation. The new regulations, he said, allow for more flexibility in the development of inventoried land, than the previous standards permitted.

DEP Petitioned

Mr. Potter does not agree. He wrote to Ms. Donlon on November 23, urging that the DEP rule against a sports enclosure. He pointed out

Community Service To Mark Thanksgiving

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will take place November 26 in the Princeton University Chapel at 11 a.m. The Rev. Millnd Sojwal of All Saints' Episcopal Church will be the preacher.

The service is sponsored by the Princeton University Chapel and The Princeton Clergy Association.

that the new Green Acres rules require the Township to submit "a written request, a narrative description, a site map, and a drawing of the building" for any proposed construction project. From a procedural standpoint, alone, because no documents have been filed, "the Township's request must be rejected outright," he wrote.

He also noted that new Green Acres rules mandate that a municipality "not divert to a use, for other than recreation and conservation purposes, any funded or unfunded parkland" unless prior approval is received from both the DEP Commissioner and the State House Environmental Commission.

According to the regulations, to "divert" is to use land in a way that does not further Green Acres purposes. An indoor tennis court would clearly violate Green Acres' provisions for outdoor recreation, Mr. Potter maintains.

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He also stated in the letter that since Community Park is on the Township zoning map as one parcel of land, it must be considered a single parkland developed with Green Acres funds — whether they were used in the northern or southern portion.

Because Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund monies were also used in developing the park, an indoor facility would violate federal conservation law. The federal statute "specifically states that 'no assistance shall be available under this part to enclose or shelter facilities normally used for outdoor recreation facilities,'" Mr. Potter wrote.

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CANDLELIGHT VIGIL: Ewing Street resident Steve Slaby was among the crowd of roughly 20 people who attended a November 19 vigil in Palmer Square to protest United States policies towards Iraq.

Law to Regulate Jasna Polana Events To Be Reviewed

A draft 13-page ordinance that would set up requirements for golf tournaments to be held at Jasna Polana was briefly discussed at a recent meeting of the Regional Planning Board.

This is the eighth draft of such an ordinance to be prepared by ZARC, a subcommittee of the Planning Board. It will be sent for review to the two Princeton governing bodies, Lawrence Township, Princeton University, The Lawrenceville School, and to any other organizations recommended by the chairman of ZARC.

The draft Special Events Ordinance deals with the tournaments expected to be held at TPC [Tournament Players' Club] at Jasna Polana, the former J. Seward Johnson Estate on Route 206 that has been converted to an 18-hole private golf course and club. Board Member Bill Enslin said these would probably be senior tournaments.

It is expected that there will be one or two of these major national tournaments a year, with each running one week. Some 50,000 people would move through Princeton during each event.

Advance Planning

Planning Board Attorney Allen Porter said the philosophy of the ordinance is that the golf club should tell officials what they are going to do so that plans can be reviewed in advance.

Under the draft ordinance, which would have to be approved by the various municipalities involved, Jasna Polana would have to provide a number of plans. These include those dealing with traffic control, parking, bus-ing and other transportation, and pedestrian safety.

In addition, Jasna Polana officials would be expected to meet 60 days in advance of the tournament with police, fire, first aid squad officials, and others involved in maintaining health and safety.

Plans dealing with trash removal, disaster control, media coverage, and concessions would also have to be prepared in advance of each tournament.

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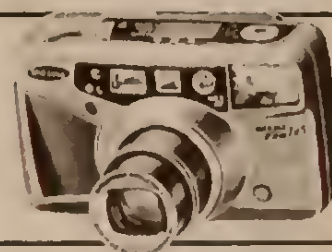
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Henry Pannell To Receive 1998 "Bud" Vivian Award

Henry Pannell, a lifelong resident of Princeton and chief of maintenance for the Borough Housing Authority, will receive the third annual Leslie "Bud" Vivian Award for Community Service on Thursday, November 26.

It will be presented during the community Thanksgiving service in Princeton University Chapel, at 11.

In late 1995, Tom Huntington and Warren Elmer Jr., residents and members of the Princeton University Class of 1942, established the Vivian Memorial fund at the Princeton Area Community Foundation to honor the memory of their friend and classmate. The endowment was built with contributions from many of Mr. Vivian's friends, classmates and colleagues.

The award recognizes a person in Princeton who exemplifies leadership qualities, a commitment to serve the community beyond the call of duty, and an ability to see the need for community action to resolve problems of human need.

Mr. Pannell, known as "Hank," has devoted himself to the John Witherspoon neighborhood where he was born, grew up, raised a family, and worked for more than 20 years. He has been called an unsung hero, a modest man who works 24 hours a day for "his kids," an inspiration, and role model.

Mr. Pannell has mobilized people and institutions to effect change, often single-handedly. He created the S.O.K.S. (Save Our Kids) Program to motivate young men to become good role models and citizens.

He founded "College Bound" to encourage neighborhood children to study and strive for a college education. He has coaxed volunteer tutors and mentors into service, persuaded the University to donate computers and equipment, and gone door to door in the community to enlist student participation.

Mr. Pannell personally built a room for College Bound in the learning center. He is past president of the Princeton Nursery School's board of trustees and remains an active supporter. He serves on the advisory board of the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance and is an alternate to the Borough Construction Board of Appeals. On Sundays, he volunteers as a van driver for the First Baptist Church.

In addition to bestowing recognition, the Princeton Area Community Foundation will make a grant from the Vivian Memorial Fund to an organization of Mr. Pannell's choice.

On Sunday, January 10, a special reception honoring Mr. Pannell will be held at the Clay Street Learning Center, from 4:30 to 6. At that time, also, the grant recipient will be announced.

Information about the Memorial Fund the Vivian Award for Community Service is available from the Princeton Area Community Foundation, at 688-0300.

Memoirist Mary Karr To Read from Her Work

The Princeton Creative Writing Program will present memoirist/poet Mary Karr, who will read from her work at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, at the James M. Stewart '32 Film Theater, 185 Nassau Street. She will be introduced by Joyce Carol Oates.

Ms. Karr's memoir, *The Liars' Club*, was published to excellent reviews in 1995, became a New York Times best-seller, a National Book Critics Circle Award finalist, a PEN Nonfiction Award nominee, and was selected as one of the best books of 1995 by *People*, *Time*, *The New Yorker*, and *Entertainment Weekly*.

The Liars' Club is a darkly comic look at the author's East Texas childhood. It begins near Port Arthur, Texas, "a hideous refinery town on the Louisiana border and the Gulf, a mosquito-ridden backwater where the only bookstores are religious ones, and the only restaurants serve fried food."



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3 Middle Schoolers Face Drug Charges; More Arrests Expected

Three Princeton boys, two aged 13 and one aged 12, face drug charges, and other arrests are pending in the wake of a Township woman's discovery of two of them high on so-called "magic mushrooms," which contain psilocybin and are hallucinogenic, police said.

The mother of one of the 13-year-olds called Township police around 2:20 a.m. November 20 to report that her son and the 12-year-old were hallucinating after having consumed the mushrooms roughly 1 hour earlier, according to police reports.

The boys, who both hail from the Township, were taken to the Princeton Medical Center, admitted, and released the next day. Both were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance.

The other 13-year-old, who lives in the Borough, was arrested on Monday, November 23, and charged with selling the mushrooms to the Township boys, police said. Authorities believe this transaction took place on John Witherspoon Middle School property at 3 p.m. November 20.

All three boys have since been released to their parents. Authorities say further arrests are pending.

Juvenile Justice Issues Are Topics at Princeton

Ronald P. Corbett Jr., the second deputy commissioner of the Massachusetts Probation Department, will speak on "Juvenile Justice for the Year 2000" at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School, Thursday, December 3, at 4:30, in Bowl, Robertson Hall.

Corbett, who has worked in corrections for 25 years and is the immediate past president of the National Association of Probation Executives, is the editor of Perspectives,

Annual Tree Lighting Will Begin Palmer Square Holiday Activities

Palmer Square will kick off the holiday season with its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 27 at 5 p.m. The 65-foot Norwegian spruce will be adorned with 32,000 multi-colored lights and will be lit with the help of Santa Claus. The lighting of the tree — which will be preceded by a 35-minute performance by the Princeton High School Choir — will feature performances by the Nassau Presbyterian Church Choir and the Nassau Brass.

The tree lighting marks the start of the holiday activities that will continue every weekend through Christmas Eve. This year, the strolling musical groups include a Dickensian-costumed quartet, several brass groups and a sax quintet. The groups will perform on the Square each Saturday and Sunday between 1 and 3. Holiday event schedules are available in all Palmer Square Shops.

There will be old-fashioned horse-and-carriage rides between noon and 6 each weekend from Saturday, November 28 through Sunday, December 27. The rides, which will start and depart from the corner of Nassau and Witherspoon streets, will take passengers on a 15-minute tour of downtown Princeton and will cost \$20 per ride (limit four adults, two small children).

An old-fashioned Santa Claus will stroll throughout Palmer Square and downtown Princeton every Saturday and Sunday between noon and 4 from November 28 through December 20.

The Square will be swathed in fresh garlands and wreaths, velvet ribbon, and tiny white lights.

Holiday hours for Palmer Square are Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 10 to 9, and Saturday and Sunday, 10 to 6.

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the Journal of the American Probation and Parole Association. He has also written articles which have appeared in Federal Probation, Corrections Today, and Justice Quarterly.

Currently an adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, Corbett has been the recipient of the American Probation and Parole Association's Sam Houston State University Award, which recognizes publications by a practitioner; the William Hassle Memorial Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Massachusetts; the Manson-Robinson Award of the New England Council on Crime and Delinquency for contributions to criminal justice; and the Probation Executive of the Year Award from the National Association of Probation Executives.

Corbett holds a B.A. from

Harvard, an S.I.S. from Northeastern University and a Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts. His talk is sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School.

Scouts' Tree Sale To Start November 29

Princeton Boy Scout Troop 43 will hold its annual live tree and wreath sale from November 29 until December 23, behind the Nassau Inn, on Hulfish Street.

The scouts will sell trees in all sizes, ranging from \$20 to \$75. Undecorated wreaths will cost \$12; while decorated wreaths will sell for \$17.

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Witherspoon St. Man Was Wanted in Ariz., Authorities Say

A 32-year-old Witherspoon Street man was arrested by Borough police, who determined he was wanted in Phoenix, Ariz. on warrants for forgery, criminal impersonation and possession of burglary tools.

David Michael Milano was taken into custody at 154 Nassau Street at 1:32 p.m. November 17. He was committed to the county jail pending extradition to Arizona, according to reports.

Christopher Seldon, age 21 of John Street, was arrested while walking near the corner of Witherspoon Street and Paul Robeson Place at 8:43 p.m. November 18, by two Borough officers who knew he was wanted on an active warrant, police said.

Seldon was charged with contempt of court and failure to appear. He posted \$500 bail and was released on November 19.

More Warrant Arrests

Borough police assisted the Mercer County sheriff's office on the warrant arrest of a 19-year-old Lytle Street man at

his residence at 9:54 a.m. November 17. Juan Carlos Perez was arrested for contempt of court. He was later released on \$300 bail.

After he was stopped for speeding by Lawrence Township police, a 20-year-old Trenton man with an outstanding Borough warrant was turned over to Princeton police at 11:48 p.m. November 16. Krzysztof Bialek was charged with contempt of court and later released on \$78 bail.

Two male Princeton teenagers, one age 17 and one age 14, were arrested after police from both Princeton departments responded to a reported fight at the corner of Nassau and Olden Streets, which involved a total of six male juveniles, late November 21.

The 17-year-old, who police say tried to steal a watch from a 16-year-old West Windsor boy, was committed to the county juvenile facility, according to reports. The 14-year old was released to his family.

Heidi Cupples, age 36 of Hightstown, was arrested for DWI after University proctors found her slumped over the steering wheel of her overheated car on Alexander

Road near Forbes College at 2:35 a.m. November 22, Nissan parked on Tupelo Row and stole a cell phone, clothing and cash, valued at \$233 combined, between 6:15 p.m. November 16 and 8:30 a.m. November 17.

Daniel J. Robbins, age 34 of Hamilton, was shortly after he was pulled over for careless driving on Mercer Street at 4:57 p.m. November 17.

He was charged with DWI, consuming alcohol in a vehicle, possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and careless driving. He was later released with a November 30 court date.

Juan Carlos Martinez, age 21 of Greenbriar Row, was spotted kicking over a public garbage can on Witherspoon Street around 5:28 p.m. November 17, police said. He was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct and released with a summons.

Spray Paint Assault

Borough police are searching for two males, who they say, spray painted a University public safety officer in the face, when the officer approached them on the east side of Fisher hall at 9:25 p.m. November 19.

According to reports, the suspects each stood about 5-foot-10, and wore ski masks and dark clothing on the night of the assault.

One or more unknown vandal(s) used blue spray paint to write several lines and letters on the front door of a home at 349 Nassau Street. Police believe the crime occurred between 4:00 p.m. November 12 and 11 a.m. November 14.

Somebody spray painted graffiti on a traffic control box on Harrison Street sometime prior to 8:51 a.m. November 19.

An unknown thief smashed their way into a 1993 Volkswagen and stole a \$120 car stereo and \$20 phone recharger from inside the vehicle. The crime happened between 8:45 a.m. and 5 p.m. November 19. The thief broke the car's rear driver side window to gain access.

A 1988 Acura was stolen from in front of its owner's house on Brickhouse Drive sometime between 7:30 p.m. November 16 and 8:30 a.m. November 17.

An unknown thief pried open the side door of a 1996 Mazda and stole a \$50 cell phone from inside the vehicle between 12:15 and 6:45 a.m. November 17. The car was parked on Brickhouse Road when the incident occurred.

More Car Crimes

Somebody pried open the front passenger door of a 1996 Honda Odyssey, entered the vehicle and tried to start it by punching out the ignition, police said. Though the perpetrator did not take the vehicle, they did take a \$750 pair of binoculars.

The car was parked in rear driveway of an Alexander Street home when the crime occurred, sometime between 8 p.m. November 16 and 8 a.m. November 17.

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Somebody entered a 1989 Nissan parked on Tupelo Row and stole a cell phone, clothing and cash, valued at \$233 combined, between 6:15 p.m. November 16 and 8:30 a.m. November 17.

An antique faucet and shower cable valued at \$580 were stolen from a locked 1992 Oldsmobile while it was parked in the driveway of a Lake Drive residence between 1 and 4 p.m. November 22.

Somebody stole a University student's clothing and wallet from a the Hamilton Hall bathroom where he was taking a shower between 9:30 and 9:40 a.m. November 16. The missing items were valued at \$150.

An unknown thief stole a wallet which belonged to a male Princeton student who left it unattended briefly in a study area in Firestone Library around 10:30 p.m. November 15. The wallet contained personal identification and \$60 cash.

A homeless woman left three bags unattended behind 1 Palmer Square between 12:05 and 12:20 p.m. November 15. Upon her return the victim discovered that her bags — which contained personal items of unknown value — had been stolen.

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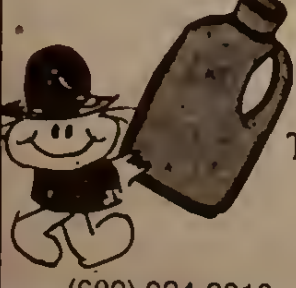
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Meyers and Purdum To Speak on Press, Politics and Clinton

"A Conversation with Dee Dee Myers and Todd Purdum '82 about the Press, Politics, and the Clinton Presidency," will be held at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Thursday, December 3 at 4:30 in Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall.

Ms. Myers, who is married to Mr. Purdum, was the White House press secretary from 1993-1994.

She was the youngest person and only woman ever to hold the job. She witnessed the signing of the Middle East peace accords, the passage of the President's first budget, the decision to send U.S. forces into Haiti, and the battle to reform health care.

She was also part of President Clinton's official delegation on trips to 25 countries, including Russia for the signing of historic de-nuclearization agreements. When asked how she dealt with a sometimes combative press corps, her response was "Never take it personally, and never lose your sense of humor."

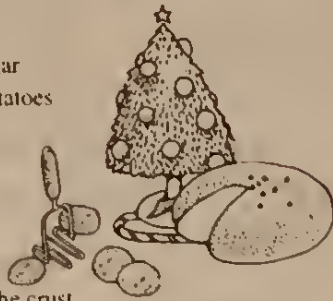
After leaving the White House, Ms. Myers appeared on the CNBC political talk

Local Fare from Princeton's kitchens

Elba Barzelatto,
Information Services Manager at Princeton Public Library,
found this recipe in a handwritten notebook
her mother assembled just before getting married.
This recipe is a simple and fast version of the traditional
Pan de Pascua Elba enjoyed while growing up in Chile.
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Pan de Pascua (Christmas Bread)

4½ cups flour
4 tsp baking powder
¾ tsp salt
1 cup confectioners sugar
1½ cup warm mashed potatoes
8 oz softened butter
2 tblsp cognac
3 eggs
rind of 1 lemon or orange
1 cup raisins
1 cup walnuts
1 cup candied fruit
1 egg white for brushing the crust



Sift together all the dry ingredients. Add the warm mashed potatoes, butter and the rest of the ingredients. Without kneading, mix the ingredients with your hands; you might have to add a little more flour until the mix does not stick to your fingers. Shape the dough into two round loaves. Make three slits on top of each loaf in the shape of a triangle. Cover the loaves with a cloth, and let it rest in a warm place for one hour. Brush the loaves with the egg white and place on buttered baking sheets. Bake the loaves in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until lightly brown.

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show *Equal Time*. She is currently a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair*, and a contributor to NBC's *Today Show*.

Todd Purdum, who graduated from Princeton with a bachelor's degree in history in 1982, has been the Los Angeles bureau chief of The New York Times since March, 1997. Before that, he was a White House correspondent, covering the second half of President Clinton's first term and his re-election campaign.

He was previously New York City Hall bureau chief

for the Times, and then served as its chief metropolitan political correspondent, covering statewide politics and the New York regional Congressional delegation in Washington.

He has been an adjunct professor at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and has won various statewide awards for his coverage of New York City government and politics. In 1997 he received the Aldo Beckman Memorial Award of the White House Correspondents' Association for "valuable insight into the paradoxes and ambiguities of our 42nd president."

The conversation with Ms. Myers and Mr. Purdum is sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School, the Humanities Council, and the University's Public Lecture Series.

Sleep Center to Conduct Open House for Public

The Sleep Center of the Medical Center at Princeton, 253 Witherspoon Street, will hold an open house for the public on Thursday, December 3, from 3:30 to 7:30.

Staff of the center, led by Richard Strobel, M.D., a board-certified sleep specialist, will be on hand to answer questions about sleep-related problems. Tours of the Center will be conducted; and informational materials and refreshments will be available.

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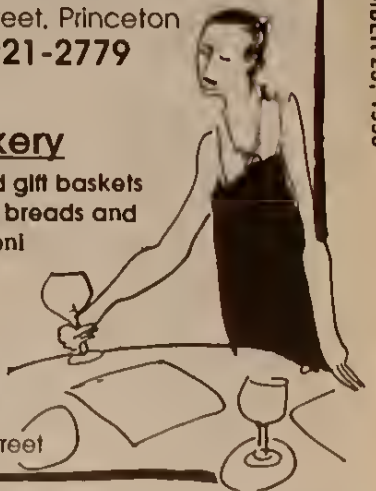
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Special Education

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then start at the middle school level," she theorized.

"Whatever the reason, the over-representation of minorities exists throughout the entire system," commented Mr. Bryant, after he had presented figures for each PRS school.

Forty percent of the 51 black male students attending

Princeton High School are in special education classes, for example. If African American students sent out of district to special schools are counted, the percentage is closer to 50 percent.

White male enrollment in special education classes — 45 out of a total high school population of 379 white males — is 11.8 percent. Only 4.7 percent of white high school girls are in special education classes; while 24 percent of the 49 black female students at the high school are classified.

A disproportionate number of Latino students are also in special education classes in district schools. More than one fourth of the male Latino students at the middle school are in special ed classes, for instance; while 20 percent of Latino girls at the school are classified.

The figures shift at the high school, where 21.7 percent of the Latino girls are classified; and 17 percent of the Latino boys are special ed students.

Private Resources

High School Principal John Kazmark pointed out that parents with financial resources may send children with special needs to private schools with smaller classes when they reach middle school and high school.

Ms. Sheehan noted that parents with sufficient resources are also able to provide private tutoring for children who have problems in school.

Classroom Salutation

"Anytime you have this kind of disproportion, the solution must come in the regular classroom," insisted Mr. Bryant. "The question is, how can we change the mainstream environment?"

At this point Ricardo Bruce, chair of the Minority Education Committee, challenged the administration, saying, "You didn't need demographics to tell you that!"

"If you're looking for a pattern, just look at the teachers who find it necessary to remove disruptive students rather than to teach them," he added. "I've been talking about that for years."

Interim Superintendent Dan Swirsky acknowledged Mr. Bruce's point, declaring, "We have to provide staff development workshops to encourage inclusion. We need to get back to the idea that every classroom teacher teaches every child."

Dr. Kazmark, an advocate for students whose needs are not met by traditional academic programs, pointed out that the district already spends "in excess of \$670,000, not including transportation fees," to send high school students out of district for special education. "A lot of these kids are capable of functioning in the high school," he noted.

Throwing Money

"The district is responding by pulling kids out of regular classes and throwing money at the problem," Dr. Swirsky noted. "What we are spending on out-of-district resources could fund in-district programs to respond to our needs."

Dr. Kazmark, principal of a school for children with special needs before coming to

PRS nine years ago, said that the district probably exacerbates the problems of children with special needs by repeatedly pulling them out of classes for special help. "You take a kid who already cannot handle change, and you add to his or her difficulties by segmenting the day," he explained.

"How are you going to change employees' attitudes?" demanded Mr. Bruce.

"There is no teacher who doesn't want to be successful, given the tools," rejoined Dr. Kazmark.

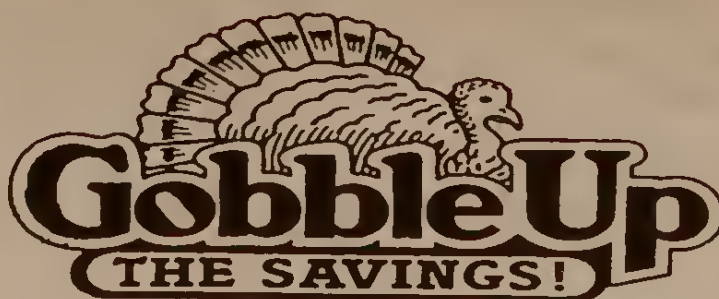
A Clear Mandate

"In order to do this, you must have a clear mandate from the board," insisted Marianne Carnevale, co-president of the Special Ed PTO. "Otherwise, it won't happen."

"How are you going to convince the parents who like the education their child is getting in the special ed classes?" asked Borough board member Walter Frank.

"Many parents are very happy with the services their children are getting," responded Ms. Sheehan. "If the same services were available outside of special education, they would be even happier!"

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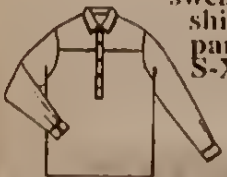


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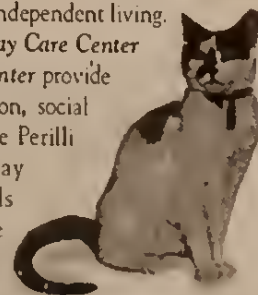


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Christmas Fund

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Christmas Fund makes it possible for everyone to assist their neighbors in need — not only during the holiday season, but all year round.

Here are some examples of how people were helped this past year by the Christmas Fund helping them deal with emergency situations and become more self sufficient. Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.

Rosa's Story

Rosa is single and hard-working, and has always given her all in any job she could find. She has managed to support her grandmother and herself on her meager salary. But since she spoke Spanish and very little English, most of her jobs were unskilled, and offered no benefits.

Once she learned English, however, Rosa wanted to be trained in a career, specifically that of a home health aide provider. This field meshed perfectly with her interests, since she enjoys caring for others and has volunteered her time at the Princeton Medical Center.

Her dream came true with the assistance of the Town Topics Christmas Fund, which assisted Rosa in paying the tuition for her training. She will receive her certificate by next spring, and can look forward to a career in which she will earn a decent living while helping others.

Emma's Disability

Sometimes the fund steps in to bridge a gap in salary, and is thus able to ward off the desperation that can result from having income cease. Emma had an hourly job at a hotel, but when she broke her wrist she was put on the disabled list for several weeks with no paid sick days.

Since disability payments can take up to six weeks to be processed, Emma fell behind in her rent and utility bills. The mother of two small children, she was very worried about how to pay these bills, and fearful of being evicted from her apartment.

The Town Topics Christmas Fund stepped in and provided Emma with one month's rent. This was just what she needed, and she is now back at work and paying off the debt that piled up during her recovery time.

For parents with limited incomes, summer can be a difficult time. With school out, children need to have things to do and places to go. But summer camps and programs cost money, and tight budgets don't provide much stretching room.

The Town Topics Christmas Fund helps sponsor many children's summer activities. Money was used this past year for scholarships to baseball, basketball, and soccer camps, as well as for passes to the Community Park pool.

Tuition Help

Judy's 16-year-old son is interested in computers. Through his own research, he found a summer program that

would teach him programming skills. But Judy couldn't afford to pay for this.

The Town Topics Christmas Fund offered to contribute two-thirds of the tuition if the young man would earn the rest. He did, and he is now helping his younger brother learn more about computers.

The fund also helped to pay

the costs of children enrolled in the Multicultural Day Camp, which is held during the summer at the Clay Street Learning Center.

There are those whose low-paying jobs or lack of work make them vulnerable to emergency situations. This describes Tom, who has turned to the Christmas Fund

for help several times over the past years.

Tom's work is sporadic, mostly odd jobs raking or painting, but he manages to support his wife and child. Last spring, his child needed an emergency operation. The Town Topics Christmas Fund was there to help with the medical bills.

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Christmas Fund

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As it has before, the fund also contributed to the Mercer County Special Child Program. This program helps chronically ill children obtain services which are not covered by Medicaid or other insurance. This year, for example, the fund helped buy an air conditioner for an asthmatic youngster.

Contributions to the Town Topics Christmas Fund also help support the Family-Child Home Program. Some parents are afraid to teach their very young children communication and interaction skills because they have not completed their own education. This program helps those parents by bringing a trained visitor into the home on a twice-weekly basis to model creative and enjoyable ways for parents to become the child's first teacher.

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Christmas Fund has helped many mothers prepare their children for school, and in the process has also empowered the mothers to seek education and training so they could improve their lives and those of their families.

The Family-Child Home Program is part of a national program that has been successful for the past 30 years, and has received numerous awards as a model early-intervention program.

Many parents strive to become self sufficient, but it is hard to cover the costs of daily living and child care on a low salary. The Town Topics Christmas Fund helps provide day care scholarships for

of her salary toward the day care center fees. Without the scholarship, she might have lost the opportunity to accept the job.

Several years ago, the Town Topics Christmas Fund helped a young man through a very dark period in his life. With this help, he came through. Now he is trained in computer trouble-shooting, has a steady well-paying job, and has proposed to his girlfriend. Another man, who had also been helped through a difficult period, is now a mentor to a youth in Trenton.

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children whose families can't afford the full fee.

When Doris completed her training for a data entry job, she was ready to look for work. But, before she did, she had to find child care for her 3-year-old twin daughters. The Princeton YWCA's multicultural day care center was able to offer Doris scholarships for the twins, thanks to the support of the Town Topics Christmas Fund.

Doris was then able to seek work. She found a job that paid \$10 an hour, and immediately began to allocate some

of assistance to keep going. It has been able to be there because of the generous support of the community. No one can stop hard times from coming, but a contribution to the Christmas Fund can make it easier for people in difficult situations to cope and continue.

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Arts Council

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the capital campaign, Peter Blenstock, its chair, said the new addition will be named in honor of David Mathey, who is the son of the late Princeton philanthropist Dean Mathey.

In addition to Mr. Mathey's gift, the campaign recently received \$50,000 to fund the purchase of a concert piano and additional gifts and pledges totalling more than \$50,000.

The campaign, which is scheduled to conclude June 30, 1999, is approximately \$900,000 short of its goal. Mr. Blenstock, who wrote that it is clear that the effort will succeed, has asked those who have donated \$1,000 or more to double their pledges and gifts in order to reach the goal by the end of the year.

The new addition will be constructed to the south of the current red brick, three-floor Arts Council building; the building's one-story wing will be demolished. After completion, the expanded Arts Council building will contain 21,240 square feet: 8,700 in the current three-floor building and 12,540 in the addition.

Two-Story Rotunda

The Michael Graves addition will consist of two connected but distinct architectural components. These are a two-story rotunda at the corner of Witherspoon Street and Paul Robeson Place, which will be connected to a three-story building topped by north-facing skylights.

The materials to be used include blue-glazed and red-molded brick, with metal panel screen walls at the mechanical equipment. The entry plaza will be paved, and the Paul Robeson monument will be repositioned adjacent to the entrance.

The addition will contain a new public entrance and lobby, a 200-seat auditorium for films, lectures, and small musical presentations; an exhibition gallery; a classroom studio; a coffee bar and a library. There will be restrooms at each level.

On April 25, 1997, the Arts Council launched the public phase of its capital campaign for the purchase, renovation, and expansion of the arts center, calling it "The Campaign for a Re-Imagined Arts Center." The previous year, Princeton Borough Council agreed to sell 102 Witherspoon Street to the Arts Council, which had been renting the building, for \$110,000. Under the terms of the sale, no mortgage payments would need to be made for three years after an initial down payment of \$10,000.

On April 26, 1997, the current Arts Council building was renamed in honor of Paul Robeson, the Princeton-born singer, actor, and social activist, who was born across the street from the Arts Council.

The building at 102 Witherspoon Street was a WPA project of the 1930's, and served as the YMCA for African-Americans until the Y

was integrated in the late fifties. In the late sixties it became a youth center largely serving the adjacent African-American community.

One of Three

The Arts Council is one of three Princeton institutions involved in various stages of major fund raising. The three — the Arts Council, the Public Library, and the YWCA — are located on Paul Robeson Place, within just a few blocks of each other.

In December, 1997, the

Princeton YWCA announced a \$3 million campaign to establish financial reserves in five key areas: scholarship endowment, program endowment, staff and faculty endowment, technology improvement and improvements at Bramwell House.

The Public Library has committed itself to raising \$6 million of the \$12 million needed to expand its facility. These plans are currently awaiting the outcome of negotiations to move the library to Palmer Square's planned Hulfish

North development, also on Paul Robeson Place.

Members of the Arts Council's capital campaign are, Peter Blenstock, chair; Didi and Jim Burke; Helen and Martin Chooljian; Susan and Raymond Egan; Liz and Miguel Fernandez; Suzanne and Dan Goldenson, Llura and Gordon Gund; Mary Keating; Louisa and Sam Lambert; the Rev. David McAlpin; Jackie and Cy Meisel; Ann and Conrad Plimpton; Dorothy and Charles Square's planned Hulfish

Council's executive director; Nancy and Will Robins; William Scheide; Vivian Shapiro; Janet and Win Short; Ellen and Albert Stark; Ann and Austin Starkey; Weezie and Launny Steffens; Caren Sturges; Charlotte Taylor; Caroline and Helmut Weymar; Anne Wright Wilson; Susan and Donald Wilson; and Carol and Alex Wojciechowicz.

Honorary chairs are Michael Graves, Cokie Roberts, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Taplin Jr.

—Myrna K. Bearse

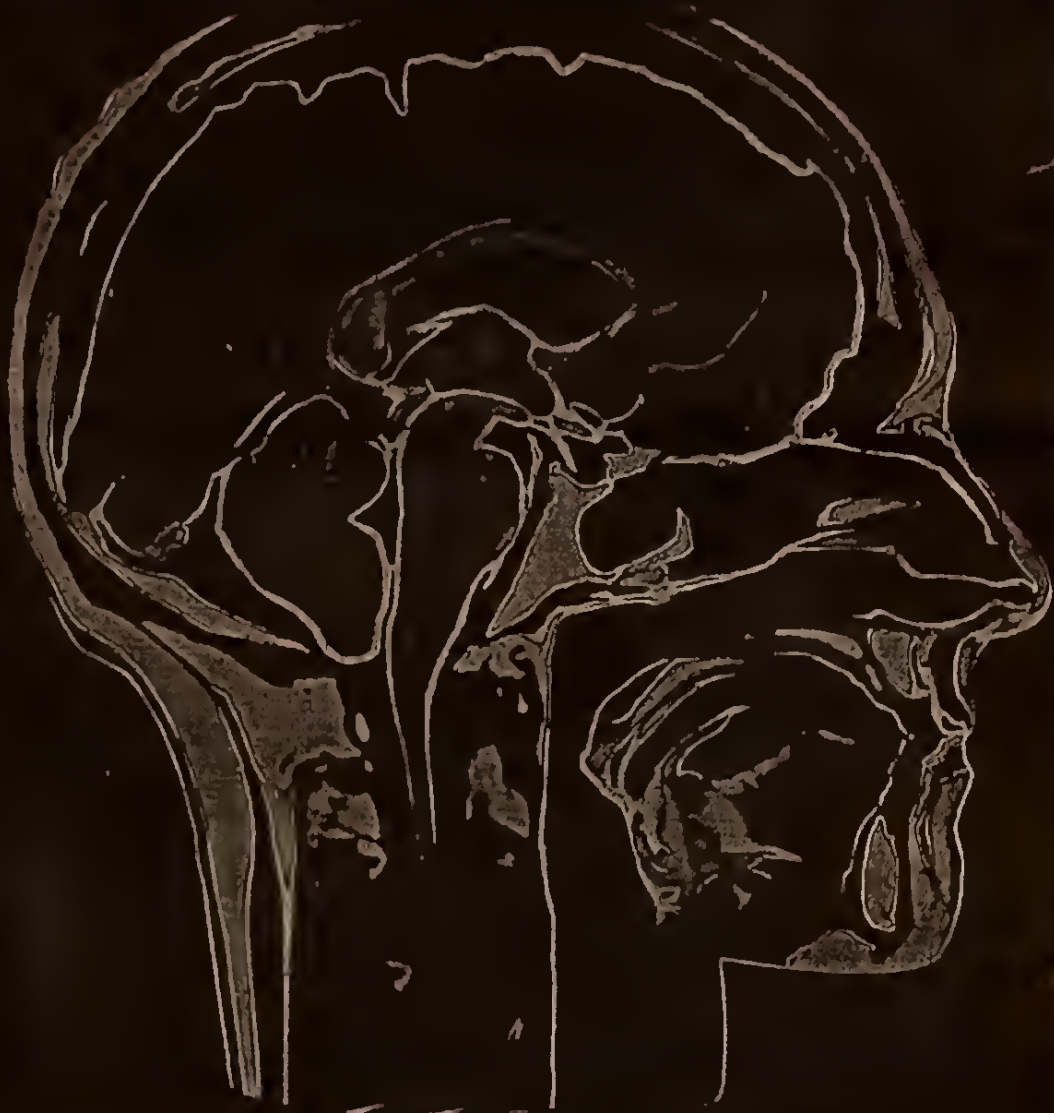
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Tennis Enclosure Would Destroy Sweeping Vista of Park, Say Neighbors

To the Editor of Town Topics:

As members of the Community Park Neighborhood Alliance, we wish to comment on statements made by representatives of the Princeton Tennis Program (PTP) at the Township Committee meeting of November 9th.

1. "All we want to do is provide year-round tennis instruction at an affordable rate." Not quite! PTP is already providing year-round instruction.

PTP wants also to build a large tennis enclosure, 42 feet high at its peak, described by the manufacturer as an "aluminum tensioned fabric structure." The enclosure would be illuminated in the evening and, in winter, heated with noisy forced-air heat.

Photographs provided by the Alliance demonstrated that the enclosure would destroy the sweeping Mountain Lakes vista, unique in Princeton. Graphics provided by the Joint Recreation Board showed the structure rising behind and above the Witherspoon Street skyline. How long would the fabric skin, with an estimated life of only 12-15 years, deteriorate before being replaced? Would such a structure be permitted anywhere else in Princeton?

2. "We could accomplish this without any taxpayer money." Not so! The draft agreement between PTP and the Board specifies that the Board or the Township pay for construction, maintenance, repairs, and snow removal for walkways, as well as outdoor ingress/egress lighting, security lighting, auxiliary lighting, and electricity and utility improvements.

3. "While some light does escape from the top, the effect on the park and the neighborhood will be minimal." Hardly! The glow of the high translucent roof would be visible for many hundreds of feet. Further, the 12-foot sides would be rolled up for 8 months of the year (if PTP has accurately stated it), allowing light to pour out.

4. The "volume" statistics presented by PTP are confusing, in that (as we understand it) individuals enrolled in two programs were counted twice. We ask PTP to provide statistics counting individuals only once. In September, total membership was reported as 660, of which 258 (39%) were Princeton residents. What are the current figures? How many children were enrolled in the summer Rookie Camp? How many of these were Princeton residents?

5. PTP has yet to produce any evidence that it has considered alternatives to this site and this structure. Use of parks for indoor recreation should always be a last resort. Tennis "pavilions" can be built on top of parking lots, parking garages, even on top of office buildings.

Indoor tennis "centers" built by commercial developers are begging for users. Before any of our precious Princeton park lands are converted to any indoor structures, the project proponents must carry a heavy burden to prove they have exhausted all alternative options; PTP has not even tried.

6. PTP stated that the facility is needed to expand their programming for children. Members of the Alliance are deeply committed to the well-being of our children. But we reject the demand that we choose between helping children, on the one hand, and preserving Community Park and our neighborhood, on the other.

Why choose? The existing outdoor and indoor courts offer a generous range of opportunities for tennis play and instruction to children and adults alike.

Further, PTP does not need the enclosure in order to extend its programming for children. In September, they for the first time, offered after-school lessons for some of the children attending Community Park Elementary School (though it should be noted that many, perhaps most, of the elementary-school children living immediately south of the park do not attend Community Park School). This is a positive step towards an April-to-November collaboration between PTP and the school.

We urge the Joint Recreation Department and PTP, as an alternative, to think flexibly and creatively about other ways to achieve their stated objectives.

PENNY BASKERVILLE, VIRGILIA ANN KING
and JANET M. MARTIN

Members of the Community Park Neighborhood Alliance

Township Mayor Grateful for Support Of Constituents in Recent Election

To the Editor of Town Topics:

A sincere thank you to the voters who supported me in the recent election. I am honored to have had the constituents of Princeton Township return me to office with such an overwhelming vote of confidence. I am deeply appreciative to all who helped with this issue-oriented campaign. It was a privilege to share the ballot with Rush Holt and Roz Denard.

At this Thanksgiving season I thank you for your endorsement throughout the years and pledge to continue to serve you to the best of my ability. I am grateful to so many of you for the numerous volunteer hours and the special expertise and talents you share with our community.

Let us here in Princeton Township remind ourselves how much we have done, how much we have yet to do, and especially, how much we have to be thankful for as we celebrate this American holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

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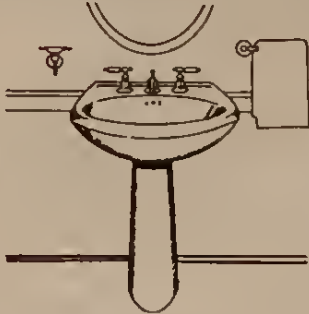


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Feeding Birds Has Higher Correlation With Lyme Disease Than Feeding Deer

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

When I was in college, we learned about an illegitimate technique of arguing called "The Appeal to Fear." This technique consists of scaring your listeners into accepting an otherwise illogical proposition.

John Kuser's letter of 11/18/98 is a wonderful example of that technique. In the face of all known factual evidence, he attempts to demonize the deer as the prime carrier of a dread disease, that is, Lyme disease. He does this in order to justify a wholly intrusive and unnecessary proposed ordinance that would prevent Township residents from feeding deer on their own property.

Mr. Kuser must know that mice and other small mammals, as well as birds, are the main agent in carrying the ticks that give us Lyme disease. And Mr. Kuser knows that reduction of Lyme disease is not cited by the State Division of Fish, Game, and Wildlife as a reason to pursue a deer reduction program. The federal Center for Disease Control does not find a correlation between deer on a person's property and Lyme disease.

Given this, whether we attract or exclude a few deer will make a negligible difference in our prospects of contracting this disease. After all, we are surrounded by a ubiquitous population of mice, other small mammals, and birds. But Mr. Kuser must also know that because, by chance, the carriers of the disease have the name "deer tick," many people will automatically associate deer with Lyme disease, and fear the deer.

Does Mr. Kuser propose an ordinance that we dig up every square foot of soil on our property in order to remove the burrows of the mice? Or would he require a saturating dose of poison, that would take out a few dogs and cats as well for good measure? (Remember — dogs, too, can carry the ticks that give people Lyme disease.) The Center for Disease Control does find a correlation between having a bird feeder and the risk of Lyme disease. Apparently it would do more to prevent Lyme disease if we banned bird feeding and allowed deer feeding — the exact opposite of the proposed ordinance. Would Mr. Kuser endorse this change?

If, purely for the sake of argument, we agree that the close presence of deer carries with it a serious risk of being bitten by an infested tick, then the obvious first step is an ordinance banning the hunting of deer! A hunter, in handling the body of a recently killed deer, must come in contact with plenty of ticks still in the deer's fur. If the ticks hop onto the hunter, they could infect the hunter's family or anyone riding in the hunter's car. I haven't heard of any support from Mr. Kuser for a ban on hunting.

Our predominant concern about deer is road accidents. We should be concentrating on measures to reduce the continuing high rate of car collisions with deer. While Lyme disease is a serious illness, it is a distraction to focus on this disease as a reason for reducing the deer population. The introduction and enforcement of intrusive ordinances such as the one advocated by Mr. Kuser is nothing more than a waste of time and energy.

GRACE TUMMINELLI
Mountain Avenue

The Middle-Income Housing on Harris Road "Inherently Beneficial" to Working Citizens

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

This is an open letter to the Princeton Township Zoning Board.

Representatives of the Medical Center at Princeton (Princeton Hospital) have referred to the hospital as being "inherently beneficial" to our community.

I believe that no one (with few exceptions) would argue otherwise.

However, the hospital administrators are violating the zoning laws of our town by illegally using moderate income dwellings as offices. They continue to break the law with no further sanctions imposed by the zoning board. Apparently they do not consider middle income housing (which is in critical shortage in Princeton) to be "inherently beneficial" to the working citizens of our town.

After a series of hearings, over a number of months, members of the zoning board still have not come to terms with the fact that the Medical Center (Princeton Hospital) is a corporate law breaker that was fined \$2500 (a slap on the wrist), and is being permitted to continue to break the law while it is trying to have moderate-income dwellings rezoned as office buildings.

The effect of such rezoning will have a detrimental impact on an established residential neighborhood at the expense of the well-being of the people and children who live there.

In addition, such rezoning will totally make a mockery of our zoning laws, the Master Plan and the planning process as a whole.

The Zoning Board has only one just decision to make in this case: Uphold the law! Deny the use of these dwellings as offices to the Princeton Hospital!

Any other decision can be interpreted as favoritism to a corporate entity against the interests of a local neighborhood and individual working citizens in our town and their families who desperately need "inherently beneficial" affordable housing.

STEVE M. SLABY
Ewing Street

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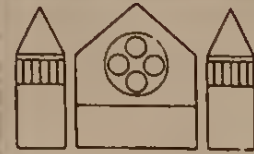
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Engagements and Weddings

Engagements

Swanke-Vinson. Elizabeth Indra Swanke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Swanke Jr., West Windsor, to Dennis Mark Vinson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis M. Vinson, Hatboro, Pa.

Ms. Swanke, a graduate of West Windsor-Plainsboro High School, graduated with honors from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. She is employed as a research associate and lobbyist at the New Jersey Business and Industry Association and is pursuing a masters degree in public policy at Rutgers University.

Mr. Vinson graduated from Hatboro-Horsham High School and Rider University. He is employed as a history teacher and a track and field coach at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School and is pursuing a masters degree

in school administration at Rider University.

The couple plans an August 1999 wedding in Larchmont, N.Y.

Calciano-Jensen. Joanne Nadherney Calciano, daughter of Linda and Anthony Calciano, Aptos, Calif., to Mitchell Jensen, son of Sara and Norman Jensen, Linwood Circle.

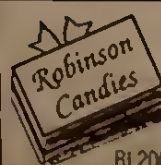
Ms. Calciano, a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, is a research associate at Genencor International, Palo Alto, Calif. She will begin dental school in the fall.

Mr. Jensen, also a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, is a third year law student at the University of California, Hastings.

The couple plans a wedding in the spring.



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Erica Ann Lipps and Jeffrey A. Maiden
Engagements
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Lipps-Maiden. Erica Ann Lipps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lipps, Roanoke, Va., to Jeffrey A. Maiden, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jeffrey Maiden, Cotswold Lane.

Miss Lipps is a professional cellist and a graduate of Roanoke College, Salem, Va. She teaches at the North Cross School in Roanoke, Va.

Mr. Maiden, also a professional musician, is a graduate of the Pennington School, and Roanoke College.

A summer 1999 wedding is planned.

Weddings

Long-Blaicher. Merrill Gay Blalcher, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Fred Blalcher Jr., Princeton and Vero Beach, Fla., to Christopher Warfield Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Long Jr., Skillman; October 17, in Vero Beach, Fla.

The bride, a graduate of West Windsor-Plainsboro High School and Southern Virginia College for Women, is Northeast Region managing editor for Construction Data Corporation, Lawrenceville.

Mr. Long, a graduate of the Pennington School, attended Marist College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He is employed by Long Motor Company-Volvo, Princeton.

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Princeton Arts Review Publishes Third Issue

The third issue of the annual *Princeton Arts Review*, a literary review started in 1995 under the umbrella of the Princeton Arts Council, is now available at Encore Books and Music and Micawber Books. Access is also available on the web via Princeton on Line.

The poetry of three Princeton residents — Lois Marie Harrod, Asha Clinton, and Patricia Adams — is contained in the current issue.

The journal is now an independent enterprise, publishing work in a variety of genres, including poetry, drama, fiction and non-fiction. It publishes work from contributors throughout the nation and even — in this issue — a short story by an American now living in Brussels.

Editor Donald Unger, a former writer-in-residence at

the Arts Council, notes in a forward to the issue that the staff is "explicitly interested in publishing work that deals with socially and politically important issues." He also points out that the work in this edition of the journal "concerns Jewish, African-American, Latino, and Asian experience."

Antiques Show to Aid New Hope Historical Soc.

The New Hope Thanksgiving Antiques show, to benefit the New Hope Historical Society, will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 28 and 29, at the Eagle Fire Hall in New Hope, Pa.

The event will feature dealers of antique furnishings, fine art, and decorative accessories displayed in room settings.

Dealers from states including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island will participate.

Show hours are Saturday, 11 to 6, and Sunday, 11 to 5. Admission is \$6; accompanied children under 16 will be admitted free.

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Exhibits

Photography and Chinese watercolor paintings by artist Chi Tsou will be exhibited at the **Gallery at Plainsboro Library** from December 6 to January 4. A reception will be held on opening day, from 2 to 4, and will include a brief demonstration by the artist.

Many of Mr. Tsou's paintings are landscapes, inspired by scenes of the Li River of Gue Lin, China or the majesty of China's Yellow Mountains. Occasionally, he turns from cascading water and craggy peaks to portray colorful birds and berries, zooming in on the intimate life of his panoramic vistas. Mr. Tsou also produces award-winning photographs.

A licensed engineer employed by the city of Philadelphia, Mr. Tsou was previously an engineering professor at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

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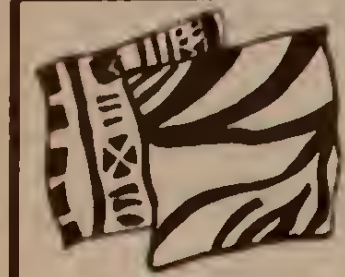
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Decked out in their holiday finery, the stores are a visual pleasure, helping to make the search for the right gift entertaining and even enlightening. There are a lot of interesting things out there!

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Business needs are in full supply, with more than 500 leather attaché and brief cases and computer brief bags in stock, as well as many in the very sturdy Ballistic nylon. Among the brands available are Ghurka, Schlesinger, Tumi, Bosca, Coach, Atlas, Mulholland Brothers, and Luttmann's own line.

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WINTER WHITE: Decorated Christmas trees are on display at **Stony Brook Gardens** in Pennington. Owner Kris Willey is shown next to the "Winter White" tree. Graceful angel ornaments, "Old World" glass ornaments, and especially large and elegant red balls are also on display. A full supply of light sets, including icicles and the new outdoor "woven" lights, is also available.

women are very big Christmas gift items, and there are more than 5000 men's and women's wallets on hand in different price ranges.

Another very popular category of gift-giving is Luttmann's great selection of fine leather organizers and date books, as well as functional organizer systems from Filofax, Ghurka, Longchamp, Cary's, Luttmann's own brand, and many others.

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In an age of faxes and e-mail, there continues to be a resurgence in the use of fountain pens. Luttmann's has an excellent selection of fine pens from Mont Blanc, Waterman, Parker, Montegrappa, Omas, Pelikan, and Fisher, as well as leather cases for pens.

The store is also carrying more gloves, including leather, and leather and wool, for men and women, starting at \$25.

In addition, there is an array of handsome wooden board games, including backgammon, chess, and Chinese checkers.

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There is a lot more than trees, wreaths, and gardening needs at **Stony Brook Gardens** at Route 31 North and Yard Road in Pennington. While there is a full selection of the above mentioned, Stony Brook is also known for the outstanding selection of holiday gifts and decorations.

Not only is the Christmas Shop a visual treat, with its variety of beautifully decorated theme trees, it is filled with lots of great gift-giving ideas. This year, there is a very nice assortment of home decorating ideas and accessories, such as

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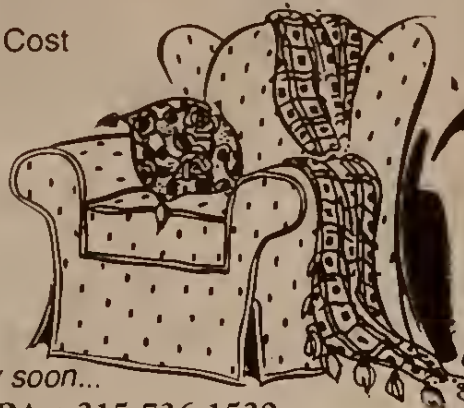
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Holiday Guide

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Very pretty holiday trays are \$16.79; a set of six coasters in matching wooden box are the same price. A boxed ornament (matching wooden box) is \$18.99, something special to take as a hostess gift during the holidays.

Stockings and tree skirts are both elegant and plentiful, and in a variety of prices. A velvet and sequined stocking is \$32, quilted designs are in the \$17.50 range; knitted styles start at \$6.25.

Beautiful burgundy tree skirts with gold cord edging offer a formal look at \$39.99, and a variety of quilted skirts are in the \$30 range.

Stony Brook has a big selection of candles of all kinds, including the popular and long-burning Yankee collection in all sizes and styles. There are beautiful gold ball candles and silver and gold tapers for a most elegant table setting. A nice accompaniment is a candle snuffer with angel design for \$11. In addition, silver placecard holders and small silver baskets are also very popular.

Of course, gardeners love Stony Brook, and there are many gifts to please them, starting with the array of ornaments on the fun garden theme tree. A full supply of garden tools is available, as well as garden statuary, pottery, and deer netting and spray repellants. WiltPruf will help to prevent evergreens (inside or outside) from drying out during the winter.

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Birds of A Feather is always a pleasure to visit. The enchanting pink house with its signature display of miniature lights, located on Main Street in Kingston, is a design workshop and home decorating center, filled with an array of handpainted furniture and handmade and vintage gifts and accessories.

Partners Marcy Kahn, Anne Battle, and Shelley Roe are "artists in residence," and do a lot of custom work for people, especially handpainting furniture of all kinds (computer tables are very popular, among many other choices). Their specialties include furniture for



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For those who prefer martini, sets of handpainted pitcher and four glasses are also on display.

Handpainted vases, pitchers, and small votives (at \$18) are available, too, as is the unique collection of hammered aluminum items from the 1930s. Known as the "Poor Man's Silver" and often given as wedding presents during the Depression, these are exclusive to Birds of A Feather in the area, and make wonderful gifts from \$15 to \$60.

Included and very collectible are trays, decorative and functional pieces, ice buckets, candy dishes, "silent butlers," all in charming designs.

The selection of vintage McCoy Pottery is also collectible, and includes a variety of pieces. A special holiday gift presentation offers paper white bulbs in a McCoy planter at \$40.

Angel-shaped luminaries made of maple sap buckets are another interesting vintage gift at \$32 with candle, and the shop offers a big variety of fun Christmas tree ornaments from the 1930s and '40s.

There is also an assortment of unusual bird houses made exclusively for Birds of A Feather, and they can be customized to color and size. Many are three- and four-story, and perch atop a tall column.

The store is also known for its wonderful selection of animal footstools, including cows, pigs, and moose. Cozy and fun, they are very popular, and make a memorable gift.

Also available are hooked rugs, colorful floor mats, and delightful tea sets for children.

In addition, Birds of A Feather offers the work of artists Fay Sciarra, Mary Bourke, and Cindy McIntyre. While



CHRISTMAS DOLL: Elke Loper, founder of the family business and doll shop, **Elke's Dream**, holds "Daisy", one of the Lee Middleton line of exceptionally realistic baby dolls. Also displayed are "Little Souls" dolls in the background to the right.

using different styles and techniques, they all emphasize bright colors."

The shop plans a holiday reception on Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and a drawing for a champagne glass will be held each day.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping (including 100 percent silk ribbon) are offered, and hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 to 5, Thursday until 8, Saturday 10 to 4.

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Little girls and big girls too will be enchanted by the fabulous display of dolls at **Elke's Dream**, located at 4397 Route 27 in Kingston.

The shop is like a king-sized dollhouse, filled with a display of dolls of all kinds, sizes and styles, including a variety of ethnic dolls.

There are beautiful Engel dolls from Germany, which can be customized to hair, eyes, face, and color; one-of-a-kind "Little Souls" cloth dolls in wonderful outfits; the collectible Madame Alexander series; the ever-popular "Ginny" dolls, as well as old favorites, such as Madeline (with book), and Raggedy Ann and Andy (including ones that talk).

A great addition is a series of ethnic "Grandma Dolls" of Irish, Italian, German, and English descent, which come with tapes, including songs and anecdotes about their background.

Dolls range from \$19 up to very expensive collectibles. Raggedy Anns are in the \$25 range, Ginnys from \$19.95 to \$39.95, and Wimbledon dolls from \$59.

A full range of doll accessories is on hand, including tea sets (Beatrix Potter and Hummel), beds, carriages, strollers, armchairs, and clothing. Accessories for the 18-inch American Girl are also available.

"Beanie Babies" abound (\$5.75), and there are also Beanie calendars and desk calendars. In addition, Ty "Attic Treasures," little jointed stuffed bears and bunnies, are very popular at \$5.95, and make wonderful stocking stuffers. There is also a large selection of larger stuffed animals, such as bears, seals, dogs, cats, lions and tigers.

Other gift items include baby gifts, wall plaques and wall hangings.

Elke's Dream offers gift certificates, gift wrapping, fills special orders, and is open

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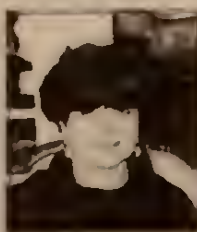
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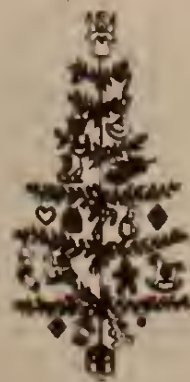
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Books for the whole family are in abundance at **Encore Books** in the Princeton Shopping Center. A well-loved book can become a lifelong companion, and a book is a super gift for any age. Encore also offers the Cafe, where you can have a snack and cup of coffee, while you relax over a book.

Hot sellers include Tom Wolfe's *A Man In Full* "about big money, big games, big libidos, and big trouble" (\$28.95) and *For the Love of the Game* by Michael Jordan. "An instant collectible — a photographic retrospective of Michael Jordan's 13 seasons" (\$50).

Former Senator from New Jersey and former New York Knick Bill Bradley has a new book, *Values of the Game* (\$24), and Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster have written *The Century*, "a complete and exhaustive history of the 20th Century." (\$60).

The new Illustrated edition of the very popular *Into Thin Air* by Jack Krakauer is a "great action adventure story," and Bruce Springsteen's fans will want the boxed set, *Bruce Springsteen, Songs*, "a complete collection of his recorded album lyrics and his own insights" (\$50). Also available is his CD *Tracks*.

Encore has a great section of bargain books of all kinds in the \$10 to \$30 range. Coffeetable books, such as *A Century of Monned Flight* by Richard T. Bickers and the illustrated history of *Pirates* edited by David Cordingly, both \$19.99, are good bets. *The Great International Paper Airplane Book* by Jerry Mander, George Dippel, and Howard Gossage includes dozens of tear-fold-and-fly-them-yourself planes. (\$14.99).

A big selection of cookbooks is on display, and very special is *Le Cordon Bleu Home Collection: Winter* for \$12.

Encore is a real favorite of children, with a very kid-friendly reading area. Popular gift ideas include *The 20th Century Children's Book Treasury*, selected by Janet Schulman. "A wonderful anthology that brings together 44 children's classics and contemporary favorites." Illustrated (\$40).

The Penguin Book of Children's Classics offers great illustrations and stories (\$35), and *A Newberry Christmas* includes Christmas stories by Newberry Award winners (\$19.95). And of course, there are all the traditional Christmas favorites.

Calendars and date books are available on every conceivable topic, and especially fun are mini calendars on everything from dogs to lighthouses (\$6.99).

Encore has a complete music section with all the latest CDs, including many holiday choices, as well as a major selection in pop, rock, jazz, and classical.

The store offers a members' Starcard Club, with special savings on all books. Gift certificates and gift wrapping are available, and hours are Monday through Saturday 9 to 11, Sunday 10 to 8, to be extended for holiday shopping.

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Tuesday through Saturday 10 to 6, Friday until 9, Sunday 12 to 5, with extended hours for holiday shopping.



Couch potatoes take heart. You don't have to face the world to shape up that once-trim frame — the home workout equipment at **Omni Fitness** in the Princeton Shopping Center will do it for you. Of course, with a little help from you!

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Other popular gift items for the fitness buff on your list are treadmills, bikes, and ankle and free weights, with such brands as Lifecycle, Stairmaster, and Parabody available. Accessories, from dumbbells to jump ropes and more, range from \$3 to \$50.

"We are Princeton's largest source for exercise equip-

ment," notes Ms. Knoch, "and customer service is excellent. We offer in-home service, delivery and installation, a motivator program, including one free personal training session, 30-day money-back guarantee, and lowest price guarantee."

Gift certificates are available, and hours are Monday through Saturday 10 to 6, Sunday 12 to 5. There will be extended holiday shopping hours.

Graves Studio Store on Nassau Street is the only store in the world to feature exclusively the gift items designed by award-winning architect Michael Graves. There are many wonderful choices for holiday shopping in this charming studio store.

Certainly, there is his famous whistling bird tea kettle, created for the Alessi Company in Italy. Also for Alessi, Mr. Graves has designed a stainless steel bread box (also available in blue and cream), porcelain tea kettle trivets in several colors, and a new line of porcelain vases.

A variety of items in stainless steel and glass include demitasse cup, butter dish, coffee and espresso pot, and mug. New this year is a selection of champagne glasses with designs based on drawings Mr.

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HAVING A BALL: Enjoying themselves at "A November Night," the fundraising gala sponsored by the auxiliary of the Medical Center at Princeton, were, from left, Co-chair Meg Wislar, Ed Gwazda, and Elliot Wislar. More than 300 people attended the event, which raised nearly \$90,000 for renovation of the emergency room at the hospital.

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Graves had done for an edition of *The Great Gatsby*. Glasses (with accompanying napkin) can be purchased individually for \$25.

Mr. Graves has added to his watch collection with two new designs: the Newark Museum Watch (a commission by the Newark Museum) and the Green Apple Watch. Other watches include the classic Graves watch with aluminum engraved bezel, and the architectural series watch with laser engraved aluminum bezel, featuring raised numbers. Watches are priced from \$100.

Everything from crystal egg cups that double as cordial glasses, miniature charms, veneered classic clocks, leather photo albums, maple picture frames, Mickey Mouse enameled bookends, and bathroom accessories to wonderful cheese boards are all here. And so much more!

Influenced by the Tuscan hills and "The Palio" in Siena, Italy, Mr. Graves has created framed prints, beautiful enamel pens (\$56), business card cases, and silk ties in addition to his signature line of Tuscan landscape jewelry. Bracelets,

earrings, and cuff links are part of this classic collection in sterling silver and vermell (\$40 to \$700).

Tuesday, December 15, the public is invited to join Mr. Graves for a holiday reception from 5:30 to 7:30, as he signs books and products. He will be signing selected books about him, his buildings, projects, and products, as well as *Italy in Mind*, short stories by Lord Byron to Edith Wharton, for which he designed the cover.

Gift certificates and the signature Michael Graves gift wrapping are offered, and hours are Monday through Friday 10 to 4:30, Saturday until 5. Parking is available at the back of the store.

computerized, the store, located on Route 31 North in Pennington, has an easy-going general store type of atmosphere. A favorite place for generations of Princetonians, it is a family business, specializing in pet supplies, animal feed, and garden supplies.

This year, there is a very big selection of kennels and pet enclosures, such as dog and cat houses, rabbit hutches, animal crates, and pet carriers. They are available in all different sizes and styles, and are a growing part of Rosedale's business.

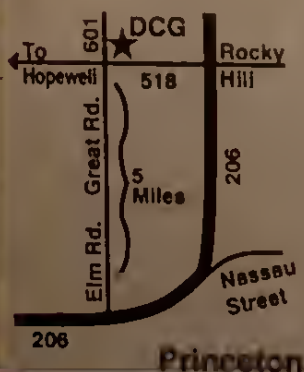
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Pet supplies, such as animal beds, dog coats and blankets, leashes, collars, grooming needs, etc., are plentiful, and there are toys galore! Your favorite furry friend will definitely not be forgotten this holiday season. A variety of stockings for dogs and cats, filled with toys and treats, are \$6.39 and up, with 20 percent off pet Christmas items through December 4.

Small stuffed bears and pandas with squeakers at \$4.49 will appeal to dogs and adventurous cats, and all the varieties of dog chews are in stock.

In addition, there are more than 80 varieties of pet food, including juvenile iguana food and gourmet treats for ferrets. A special section provides special care items and supplies for horses, and Happy Hooves, Inc. offers gift items, such as neckties, tea towels, etc., with an equine motif.

There is also a selection of the very popular Breyer Collectible horses, some with a cassette included, and also a

large variety of mugs with pet theme for \$5.95.

Bird feeders of all types (from \$12 to \$80) are in full supply, including one that has a battery for "squirrel prevention." It gives the persistent creatures a mild shock in an effort to keep them away from the feeder.

Rosedale also has a complete selection of seed, including its own blend.

Regarding that other ubiquitous garden intruder, the latest deer repellents, as well as deer alerts for the car, are all on hand.

A full selection of garden tools and accessories, including the line of Wells Lamont work and garden gloves (\$3.49 and up), is available, as is an assortment of wool winter gloves, and the very useful reversible knit gloves (worn on either hand) for \$4.39.

Amaryllis and paper whites, those very popular Christmas gift items, are offered in gift boxes for \$8.99, as well as loose bulbs. Other Holland bulbs are 20 percent off.

Rosedale also has a nice selection of handsome metal patio planters in assorted sizes and shapes, from \$8.99, as well as metal and wooden mail boxes. New this year is a display of scented candles in attractive jars at \$8.35 and up.

Gift certificates are available, and hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 to 5:30, Saturday until 4, Sunday 9 to 3.



"Such a pretty store!" This was the remark of a customer getting an early start on holiday shopping at **The Perfect Gift**, where, indeed, you can find the perfect gift. This popular Nassau Street shop offers gifts that are unique, and the holiday selection has choices for everyone in a variety of price ranges, all displayed in an inviting holiday setting.

Trays can be both functional and decorative, and the store carries the line of beautiful "Nature de France" trays, as well as a selection of very handsome wooden-handle tile trays in assorted sizes.

Cheese boards and spreaders, some with a Christmas motif, are available in different designs at \$34, and silver plate spreaders, including snowman, nutcracker, Santa, and tree, are \$25.

A great idea for the kitchen is one of the attractive memo boards with magnet pen, offered in several designs, at \$39. There is also a full selection of placemats and coasters, including a silver wine coaster for \$32 — always a thoughtful remembrance.

Sterling and pewter candle holders are on display (with gorgeous candles), as is the store's wonderful selection of handpainted Crest glassware, and the Miller Rogaska crystal.

Pottery from Italy is warm and colorful, including plates and serving pieces, and there is a selection with holiday motif. A wonderful heart-shaped plate, with coordinating cookie jar and mug, would be perfect for Santa's cookies on Christmas Eve.

The Perfect Gift has a display of beautiful Christmas ornaments from Germany and Italy in handpainted glass and mosaic designs that really resemble stained glass. These range from \$12 to \$25.

New this year is a selection of tree-shaped pewter stocking hangers. Placed on the mantel, they are both decorative and functional at \$44. There is also

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an assortment of nutcrackers, including Pinocchio and Gepetto, from \$50.

Christmas stockings, large and small, including applique designs, are in abundance, and also available are colorful cloth "Santa's Toy Shop" advent calendars.

The Perfect Gift has a children's section with charming gifts, from books to toys to silver. Pewter candle holders with circus animal design are \$31, and there are very special Beatrix Potter lamps, with Peter Rabbit base, and rabbit design on the lampshade. A wonderful Noah's Ark treasure box or trunk can hold a variety of special treasures.

The lamp selection has been expanded this year, and there are novelty and decorative lamps, as well as lamps with pierced shades. Also available is a lamp in the shape of a birdhouse.

A great gift is one of the store's CD or video towers. In many designs, including lighthouse, these are perfect for storing videos and CDs in a most attractive way. In addition, there is a selection of "Faux Books" which are actually photo album holders (could double as CD holders) available at \$59.

The shop offers picture frames of all kinds (including panoramic), and also carries Ling Chang's calendar and refills, which are very popular at \$17 and \$21.

Gift certificates, superb gift wrapping, bridal registry, and corporate gifts are available, and hours are Monday through Saturday 10 to 5:30, and the three Sundays before Christmas 11 to 4.

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Farm Fresh

Terhune Orchards on Cold Soil Road is a "must" stop during the holiday season. The country setting and farm atmosphere, with the variety of animals and special farm trail, is fun, and the friendly staff offers a warm welcome.

It's also a pleasure to sip hot cider and nibble a fresh donut, as you browse among the tempting display of goodies in the farm store.

Especially known for its wonderful assortment of apples and cider, which can be shipped to faraway friends and relatives, Terhune's has a super selection of baked goods, which also can be shipped. Holiday treats are fresh-baked pies (including sugarless) at \$7.25, \$8.25, and \$9.25, delicious fruit crisps, apple cakes, cobblers, gingerbread, and cookies, including traditional Christmas cookies and gingerbread men.

Customers can create gift baskets and boxes, filling them exclusively with fruit or a mix of fruit, baked goods, assorted gourmet jams, jellies and spreads (many with the Terhune label), coffees and teas, \$25 and up.

Terhune's also offers traditional holiday plants, such as cyclamen, paper whites, and amaryllis, and many of the bulbs are grown in the Terhune garden. There is always a selection of cut flowers, and Terhune's delivers in Princeton.

Fresh cut Douglas fir trees from the Poconos, wreaths and roping are on hand in all sizes, and special Williamsburg-style wreaths, handcrafted by owner Pam Mount with apples, pomegranates, lemons, limes, pine cones, and other seasonal items are \$32 and up.

Terhune's is open Monday through Friday 9 to 6, weekends until 5.

sizes handmade, natural decorations.

"I make more than 150 wreaths, with all natural and fresh decorations. Nothing is artificial," he explains. "The same is true of the grave blankets, all the arches, "candy canes," and "kissing balls," which are so popular."

Decorated wreaths are in the \$24.99 range. Undecorated wreaths are also offered, starting at \$6.99. Roping includes extensive choices, such as white pine, mountain laurel, and incense cedar, among others, and greens are available in everything from boxwood, juniper, a variety of holly, and more.

Fraser, Douglas and concolor fir cut trees are in all sizes, and live balled trees, including Norway and blue spruce, are available from 3 to 8 feet. Dwarf

Alberta spruce is another choice.

A big selection of poinsettia plants in all colors and sizes, starts at \$3.99. Baumley's also supplies Princeton High School and Stuart Country Day School students with poinsettias for their fund-raising efforts.

Baumley's also has an inviting Christmas Shop with a cozy fireplace, and filled with theme trees, ornaments, and a big variety of decorations and decorating needs.

Santas, snowmen, angels, nutcrackers and nativities are in abundance, and there is a very nice selection of the collectible porcelain bisque Snowbabies, at \$20 and up.

Decorated trees include snowman, Santa, and toy themes, as well as a lovely gold and silver tree with beautiful stars and icicles, and a fun garden tree with a variety of clever garden and outdoor-oriented ornaments. Ornaments are \$2 and up.

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Also available are boxed Christmas cards, calendars, and a beautifully illustrated edition of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

Hot cider and homebaked cookies are on hand, and hours are Monday through Saturday 8 to 7, Sunday until 5.



The Nickel is truly a store for all seasons. You can bundle up in one of its Pendleton wool or super soft fleece blankets, find a variety of terrific outerwear from Patagonia, Columbia, or Mountain Hardwear, or get a canoe or kayak for next spring's water excursions.

This store has everything for the outdoor enthusiast, and its quality selection of outdoor gear, clothing and accessories attracts customers from all over.

Planning a trip to Nepal or Tibet? The Nickel can outfit you completely with equipment and clothing, including hiking boots, Northface sleeping bags, and Mountain Hardwear tents. It also carries "Adventure Travel" clothing from Ex Officio — shirts of quick-drying brushed nylon, also skirts, skorts, long dresses, jackets and pants — just the thing when you are facing the elements out in the wild.



CREATIVE DESIGN: "We're a design workshop and home decorating center," says Marcy Kahn, one of the three partners of *Birds of A Feather* in Kingston. Ms. Kahn is shown with one of the shop's cow footstools and an elegant handmade Christmas stocking of burgundy fleece, vintage fabric, and special buttons from the 1930s and '40s.

The Patagonia "Endurance Program" includes clothing geared to running, biking, and other outdoor activities, high-lighting shells, tights, and vests.

Outerwear for men, women, and children is a big seller for the holidays, and there are all styles, from the light fleece jacket to the versatile 3-in-1 (with zip-out fleece jacket and outer shell), to the super warm and soft Holo-fill-filled parka. Available in all colors and combinations, they cover a wide price range, starting at \$118 for a woman's fleece jacket.

Layering is always smart in the winter, and you will keep warm with Patagonia's

Capilene underwear and Duo-fold tops and bottoms in various weights, from silk weight to expedition weight.

Hands will be cozy in fleece gloves from Windproof, Northface and Manzella, starting at \$15, and likewise, hats from Patagonia and Ojai will keep the wintry cold from ears and heads. Some are fleece, and some wool with Goretex and Wind-Stopper linings. In addition, standard felt hats with brim, both crushable and traditional, are available in assorted colors.

Men's and women's hiking boots and trail shoes are another Nickel specialty, with lines from Merrell, Vasque, and Montrail offered, along with the latest in high tech — Salomon trail shoes.

Sorel snow boots are also in stock, as are the ubiquitous Birkenstock sandals, worn year-round. There are lots of socks to go along with the footwear, from lightweight running socks up to expedition weight, including the Wigwam and Thorlo lines. Also available are the very popular Acom fleece slippers for the whole family in many styles and prints, from \$20 to \$40.

Kids will enjoy the fun selection of yo-yos, sleds, and the furry Folktail puppets and stuffed animals.

Travel mugs and tumblers, nature books, and calendars, are in full supply, and if you can't decide, The Nickel will provide gift certificates. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 to 8, Thursday until 9, Saturday until 6, Sunday 12 to 5.



Riccard's shoe store is noted for its fine quality classic footwear for men and women, and it has been serving Princeton customers for 32 years. It recently consolidated its men's and women's sections at its 148 Nassau Street location, where it continues to offer a full selection, along with the special service customers have come to expect.

Winter footwear is in full

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supply, and boots for men and women are big sellers. They are waterproof, and available in several styles, many with Goretex linings. The famous Draper sheepskin boots from England are in stock for men and women, and nothing is warmer. Rain and snow will be no problem with these super styles.

Slippers for Christmas? Of course! Again, the Draper sheepskin line from England is available for men and women, and toes will be toasty for sure with these terrific imports.

Comfort is the key today, and you will find the finest "At Leisure" choices at Ricchard's, including the Mephisto "ultimate walking shoe" from France for men and women, which is characterized by

exceptional comfort and durability.

Also available is the H.S. Trask line of walking shoes for men, and Rockport for men and women. Of course, there is a full assortment of slip-on shoes and loafers.

Even in an informal age, dress shoes are important, and men will find a nice selection from Allen Edmonds, Alden, Cole-Haan, and Bally. Black tie events? Formal shoes for men are also in stock.

Women's dress shoes include choices from Cole-Haan, Peter Kaiser (noted for the wider fit), Arche, and new this year, Phyllis Poland.

For holiday festivities, there is a very nice selection of higher heels in sandal styles in black faille and velvet. Ricchard's also offers a variety

of very attractive evening bags in assorted styles.

As always, there are handbags in handsome leather, as well as belts for men. The store also carries Hanes hosiery for women.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are offered, and hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 to 6, Thursday until 8, Saturday 9 to 5, and Sunday hours in December.



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WINTER VILLAGE: This display of the collectible Dept. 56 lighted houses and buildings can be seen at Baumley Nursery, Landscaping & Garden Center. There is a very good selection of many retired pieces, and all are offered with a 20 percent discount.

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The Shops at Windsor Green on Route One South, can accommodate. Great prices and selection are the key to this longtime favorite of holiday shoppers.

Everything is discounted, and in addition, a special sale offers half-price values on all 14k gold, sterling silver, and marcasite jewelry. 14k gold includes earrings, necklaces, bracelets and ankle bracelets, with earrings starting at \$18. Also available is the popular "Omega" necklace in heavy gold.

There are sterling silver earrings and necklaces in the \$12 range, and very much in demand is the selection of Baltic amber set in sterling, including pins, earrings, necklaces, and bracelets.

The Judith Jacks line of marcasite pins, earrings, necklaces and watches is very popular. Her designs combine 18k gold, sterling silver, and marcasite, and are very attractive gifts.

Pearls are always classic, and the store carries a full selection, including silver necklaces with pearls. The BJ Company line of fashion jewelry, with its designer lookalikes,

HEARD YOUR EX-GIRLFRIEND got married? See "Engagements & Weddings" in TOWN TOPICS to see how she did.

also continues to be very popular, in the \$29.99 range.

Fashion jewelry for the holidays, including rhinestone and crystal, and pearls with rhinestone, is a great choice for someone wanting a little sparkle! Also, one of Susan Greene's jewelry boxes (in many styles and sizes) is a special way to present a gift of jewelry. What a nice surprise for someone on your list!

As always, Susan Greene has an extensive selection of evening bags in black, silver, gold, and white, with beaded and sequined designs. Peau de sole, lucite, fine leather, metal mesh, metal shell, and Minaudiere are all available in the \$19.99 range.

Leather handbags are offered from Biasa, Silver Blue, Maxx, Shariff, Ganson, and Stone Mountain, as well as Pantera, Brio, Hobo, Sacoache, and Hush Puppy. There is also a big selection of the very popular lightweight microfiber. The crocheted Sak bags are also becoming year-round favorites.

Leather bags are all 50 percent off, and in addition, there is always a sale table, with some bags in the \$10 range.

Men's and women's wallets are excellent holiday gifts, and shoppers will find a variety of styles from Bosca and St. Thomas. Attaches and briefcases are also in stock, with selections from Kenneth Cole and

Travelon available. Both leather and Ballistic nylon are carried.

The store's extensive selection of luggage is always a big holiday seller. Everything from small carry-ons on wheels to large uprights to JanSport backpacks to garment bags and garment bags on wheels is available and in every size, style, and design. There is also a luggage cart in the \$20 to \$35 range.

Lines include Samsonite Ultra Lite 3, Samsonite Epsilon (expandable), Atlantic, Lark, Lucas and the Diane von Furstenberg tapestry and mosaic selection.

Susan Greene also has an assortment of Totes umbrellas, both fold-up and regular in many designs, and this year, the store offers scarves and fringed shawls (\$19.99), as well as chenille-type gloves at \$8.99.

Gift certificates are available, and hours are Monday through Saturday 10 to 6, Thursday and Friday until 9, Sunday 12 to 5, to be extended for holiday shopping.



The Williams Gallery offers some of the finest and most original art in the area. This holiday season, it will feature the work of a wide range of selected artists from around the world, including Australia, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, The Netherlands, Russia, and the U.S.

Located on Chambers Street, the gallery showcases contemporary paintings, prints, photography, sculpture, and computer art. New and unusual items, such as hand-beaded jewelry by Tatiana Alexeeva of Moscow, miniature oil paintings on copper by Pietro Raspisarda of Italy, and hand-carved and painted wooden sculpture by artists from Mexico, will all be on display.

In addition, a selection of exceptionally beautiful hand-blown ornaments by glass artists Buechner, Kuster, and Harkenrider are offered in a price range from \$20 to \$100.

For other gift ideas, a limited number of mini-posters, Currier & Ives, and other reproduction prints are available, ranging in price from \$30 to \$1,200.

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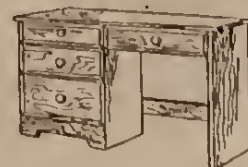
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You can also find the gallery on-line, where it features a selection of art by both digital and traditional artists: <http://www.wmgallery.com>.

For more information, contact Mary Lou Bock at 921-1142. Hours will be extended for holiday shopping.



A new look — new cut, new color — for you or for someone on your list is available at **Chelsea Crimpers** on Spring Street. This popular salon for women and men offers a variety of hair and nail services, enhancing your current style or helping to create a "New You."

A series of special gift packages, featuring a combination of services, can be customized to the individual. Gift certificates for retail items, including hair, nail, and skin products, are also available, and these can be combined with services, as well. The L'Oreal, Paul Mitchell, Redken, KMS, and Nexus lines are among those offered.

Gift packages include several choices for men and women, such as "Men at Work," with scrub, shaving cream, sport fragrance, hand towel, and Boar bristle club brush at \$28; "Nail It Down," including nail polish, remover, nail file, body lotion, pedicure sloughing lotion, and "footsie" sponge at \$33.18; "Heavenly Body" includes shower gel, liquid velvet talc, make-up cleanser, facial moisturizer, and bath flower sponge, also \$33.18.

Hair dryers, travel dryers and curling irons are also offered.

Color is very important for the holidays, and Chelsea Crimpers is known for its expertise, whether it's to cover gray, highlight existing color, or create a total change.

Movie Time

It's always fun to watch a favorite old movie or a new one you haven't seen, and **Palmer Video** at 47 State Road can provide you with great holiday viewing.

Gift ideas abound with a terrific selection of videos in all categories, including a large number of restored and re-released movies for collectors at very reasonable prices. Such favorites as *Gone With the Wind* (reduced from \$89.95 to \$19.95!), *Grease*, and *The Music Man* are available.

The latest addition to Palmer Video this season is a great selection of DVDs (Digital Video Disks) to use on DVD players. Available for rental or sale, they are available at highly competitive prices. Such films as *The Horse Whisperer* and *Godzilla*, are included.

In addition, the store has a variety of laser disks for rent and sale.

Christmas wouldn't be the same without watching those great holiday classics, and they are all on hand. *It's A Wonderful Life*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *Holiday Inn*, *The Bishop's Wife*, *Christmas in Connecticut*, and *White Christmas* are in the \$14.95 range.

A big variety of children's favorites includes *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, the *Frosty the Snowman* series, *Hans Christian Andersen*, *Santa Claus Comes to Town*, and *Morch of the Wooden Soldiers*, among many others.

An extensive selection of foreign films is offered with reduced prices on new releases. For example, *Walk About* is now \$29, and *Kolya* is \$19.99.

A new item and big seller is Michael Flatley's *Feet of Flame*. Called the "Dance Event of the Decade," this can complement a River Dance collection, at \$19.95.

Palmer Video also offers VCRs for sale, starting at \$159, blank tapes and a full line of accessories. Hours are Monday through Thursday 10 to 10, Friday and Saturday until 11, Sunday 11 to 9.

The "Northern Lights" technique can lift the base color and add foil highlighting for an appealing lighter and natural look. For those who may be a bit color shy and need a gentle introduction, "Debut Color" offers initial or demi (semi permanent) color, which will wash out in four to six weeks.

Gift certificates are available for all services, including special festive holiday coifs. Manicures (\$13), pedicures (\$29), and facial waxing are also offered.

Chelsea Crimpers is open Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 8, Wednesday and Friday until 6, Saturday 9 to 4:30.



A fine port, sparkling wine, excellent cognac, or a special cordial are all gracious gift ideas for the holidays, and **Claridge Wine & Liquor** in the Princeton Shopping Center can offer many choices.

"It's nice to give something that's a real treat," says store manager, Angelo Gonnella. "For example, we have a lot of single malt scotches, at least 10 to 15 different kinds.

"We also have many nice ports coming in. This is a great after-dinner wine, and there are many choices. Graham's Vintage, Sandeman Vintage, Fonseca, and Kromendal from South Africa are just some, and we have them in a wide price range.

"And certainly," he adds, "a nice bottle of chardonnay, cabernet or merlot, is always appropriate."

Of course, the holidays and champagne are a real match, and Claridge offers a full selection of French as well as domestic in full bottles and splits.

In addition, Mr. Gonnella points out, sparkling burgundy is an excellent accompaniment to a holiday dinner. The store is also featuring a variety of very nice dessert wines, including orange muscat and black muscat, in fifths and splits, from \$9.29.

A cordial — whether kahlua, Grand Marnier or the new Godiva Cappuccino — is

always welcome, and there are many choices from which to choose.

Beers, especially the micro breweries, are an increasingly big item, and Claridge offers a full selection, as well as all the choices in spirits.

Mr. Gonnella and his staff are always pleased to help advise people on holiday parties, appropriate wines with dinners, etc. Hours are Monday through Saturday 9:30 to 7, Friday until 8, Sunday 12 to 5.

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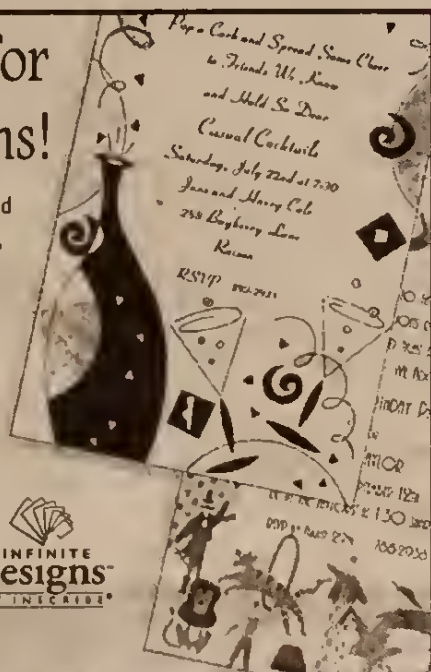
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Wednesday, November 25

8 p.m.: *Romeo and Juliet* on *Ice*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving

11 a.m.: Community Thanksgiving Service, Princeton University Chapel.

Friday, November 27

1 p.m.: *the Nutcracker*, American Repertory Ballet; McCarter Theatre. Also at 4:30, and Saturday at 1 and 4:30.

5 p.m.: Tree Lighting; Palmer Square.

7 p.m.: *Oliver*, Playful Theatre Productions; Kelsey Theatre. Also Saturday at 2 and 7, Sunday at 3.

8 p.m.: A.R. Gurney comedy, *Sylvio*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2:30.

8:30 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Richardson Auditorium.

Saturday, November 28

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Antiques Show; Eagle Fire Hall, Route 202, New Hope, Pa. Also Sunday 11 to 5.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Sunday, November 29

4 p.m.: Conservatory Family Concert, "An 1860's Musical Soiree"; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Monday, November 30

7 p.m.: Township Committee, Valley Road Building.

8 p.m.: Philomel Baroque Orchestra, with Violinist Jaap Schroeder; Richardson Auditorium.

Tuesday, December 1

4:30 p.m.: "Managed Care and Primary Care: The Incentives Are Changing," Mary O'Neil Mundinger, dean of the School of Nursing at Columbia University; Woodrow Wilson School, Robertson Hall, Bowl 5.

6 p.m.: Library Board of Trustees, Library second-floor meeting room, 65 Witherspoon Street.

8 p.m.: Township Zoning Board, Valley Road Building. Special meeting on Medical Center application to use Harris Road homes as offices.

Wednesday, December 2

12:30-1 p.m.: Organ concert, Mark Anderson, Westminster Choir College; Princeton University Chapel.

4:30 p.m.: Reading, Mary Karr; 185 Nassau Street.

7 p.m.: Opening night, *Inspecting Corol*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday through Saturday at 8, Sunday at 2 and 7.

Thursday, December 3

4:30 p.m.: "A Conversation with Dee Dee Myers and Todd Purdum about the Press, Politics, and the Clinton Presidency"; Woodrow Wilson School, Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall.

4:30 p.m.: "Juvenile Justice for the Year 2000"; Ronald Corbett Jr., Mass. Probation Department; Woodrow Wilson School, Robertson Hall, Bowl 5.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 25 - Wednesday, December 2

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108

SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER at Spruce Circle (Spruce), and **SUZANNE PATTERSON CENTER (SPatC)**, on Monument Drive. **Need Guidance?** Information about resources for the older adult. Call OATA, 924-7108.

The Suzanne Patterson Center will be closed from Monday, November 16 through at least Monday, December 7. Classes and activities have been relocated, and participants have been informed. For information about Recreation Department Fitness Classes, call 921-9480.

Dress a BEAR for area preschoolers. These cuddly critters are donated by the Salvation Army. PSRC has them ready for pick-up at Spruce Circle and SPatC. All dressed up, the Bears will be displayed in the Library Window in early December. Senior Resource Center staff and volunteers distribute them to area children in time for the holidays. Help make a child smile. Call 924-7108 for more information.

Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Let's Talk, Redding Circle.

10:45 a.m. Line Dancing, SPatC.

2:30 p.m. Healthy Bones - Osteoporosis prevention exercise and education program, SPatC.

Thursday: Thanksgiving; PSRC Closed.

Friday: Day after Thanksgiving; PSRC Closed.

Saturday: 12:00 noon Senior Swim Program; YWCA

Sunday: 5:00 p.m. Senior Swim Program; YWCA

Monday: 10:45 a.m. Flexercise with Joce, Spruce.

6:30 p.m. Bingo.

Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. Spanish, Spruce.

12:30-4:00 p.m. Bridge; Redding Circle

1:00-3:00 p.m. Reflections of the 20th Century Spruce

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. Atlantic City Trip. Call 683-5020

10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; Redding Circle.

2:30 p.m. Healthy Bones - NY Sports Club.

6:30-8:00 p.m. Caregivers Support Group; Spruce.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board, Valley Road Building.

8 p.m.: The Golub-Kaplan-Carr Trio; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: William Mastrosimone's *Extremities*, Theatre-Intime; Murray-Dodge Theatre. Also Friday and Saturday at 8.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Players, *Gypsy*; Wilson Blackbox, Wilcox Hall. Also Friday and Saturday at 8, Sunday at 2.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Christmas Pops concert; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Friday, December 4

12:30 p.m.: Gallery Talk, Princeton University Art Museum;

Saturday, December 5

11 a.m.: Children's Gallery

Art Talk, University Art Museum;

Museum; "Venetian Masters in the Collection of the Art Museum," by graduate student Mary Frank. Also on Sunday, at 3.

7 p.m.: *Oliver*, Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 3.

8 p.m.: Holiday Concert, New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus; Nassau Presbyterian Church.

8 p.m.: A. R. Gurney's *Sylvio*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2:30.

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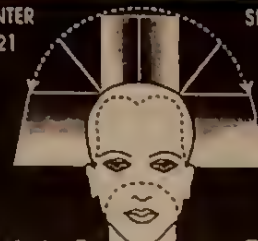
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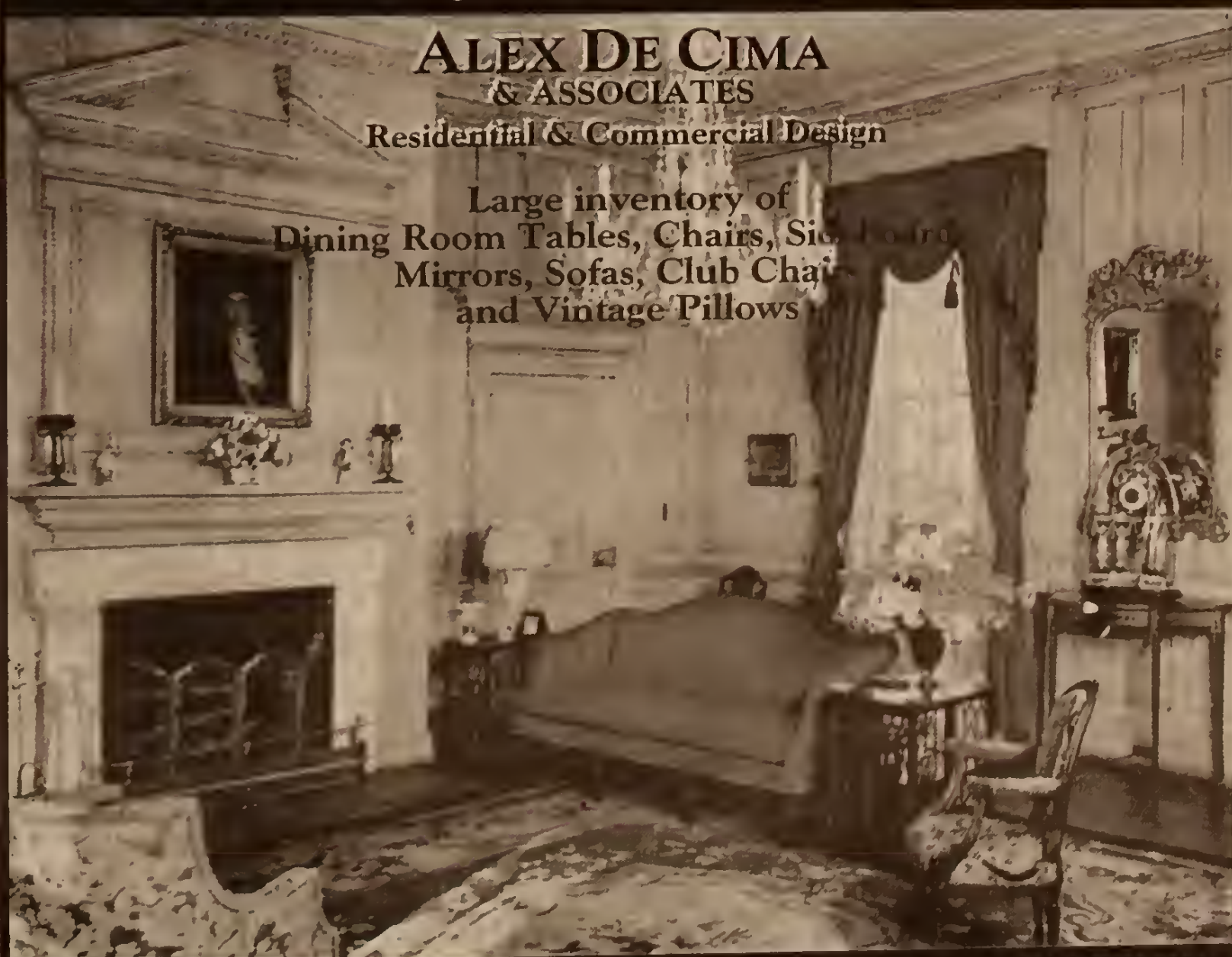
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The Direction and Writing Are Unusually Strong In Princeton Triangle Club's "101 Damnations"

Direction and writing can make or break a show, and both are unusually strong in the 108th annual Triangle Club production. In order to shift back to a fall production schedule for the first time since 1969, the Club had to produce two shows in 15 months. They created a weekly writer's workshop under the leadership of Robert Duke and Jay Kerr '67 to churn out the necessary material.

But more important, Triangle was able to snag director BT McNicholl to bring that material to life and whip it into shape. McNicholl is a Broadway veteran who has assisted Jerry Zaks on several productions including the recent revival of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* starring Nathan Lane and Whoopi Goldberg. His impact on Triangle is enormous: *101 Damnations* is a tight, highly entertaining 90 minutes of nonstop song and dance.

Unlike *In Lavo and Wor* Triangle's spring '98 book show, *101 Damnations* is a musical revue, a series of sketches loosely connected by the themes of sin and vice. It features a cast of 20 — compact by past Triangle standards — performing the work of some dozen writers. A 13-member orchestra plus several dozen technical members round out the effort.

The opening number, "Sin and Vice," set in the Garden of Eden, boasts four tap-dancing apples, deliciously costumed in red by Robin L. McGee in her first work for Triangle Club. The apples tantalize and tempt the ostentatiously fig-leaf-clad Adam and Eve. The second song, "Happy to Be a Dog," continues the felicitous blend of wit, clever costumes, and delightful dance by third-time Triangle choreographer Jeanne Simpson. Three oversized male dalmations prance around three women outfitted as red fire hydrants while singing of the joys of a dog's life.

Princeton University junior Brian Rosen is responsible for two of the more successful gags that run through the show. In "Dictated Verse," a series of dictators including Castro and Qaddafi recite sharp, punchy "poetry" with mounting hilarity. In "WB," an old-fashioned harmonizing radio quartet introduces three new programs featured by the WB channel, including "The Statutory Duo," starring Woody Allen and Joey Buttafuoco and even more outrageous, an episode of "The Mike Tyson Show" in which Tyson attends a circumcision where the rabbi forgets to bring a knife. You can imagine what happens.

Targets of Undergraduate Wit

Other targets of the undergraduate wit include diet pills ("Bod-Be Gone") Viagra ("One Special Thing"), fashion victims ("Fashionably Late"), and personal ads. In "WOB seeks SWM" the Wife of Bath steps out of Chaucer in a raunchy number. Stefania Vanin makes an engagingly melodic Satan/emcee and I'm here to report that the sellout house of Tigers and townies roared rather than groaned over the pun "Satan on the dock of the bay" in "Gone Fishin'."

But *101 Damnations* reserves its sharpest darts for various addictions. In "Declaration of Codependence," Len Teti and Katie Pickett sing "It takes tea to tango" as they play white-wigged Samuel Adams and his wife, who are hooked on tea and devastated by the recent dumping party in Boston Harbor. More trenchant are the attacks on cigarettes, largely the work of Jeremy Blachman. "And Now, a



POLITICALLY INCORRECT: Triangle's infamous all-male kickline makes this year's appearance in the number "Kiss My Asp."

Word from our Sponsor" introduces Phillip-Morris smokable baby food, while "Puff the Magic Drag," with its refrain of "I've still got one lung," has two chainsmokers singing the praises of their habit: "I like my teeth nice and golden" one croons while the other responds, "I like how it hides body odor." This is extremely effective satire.

Just when I was beginning to note the breathless headlong nature of the production, performed without intermission, Blachman provided a welcome change of pace with his solo, "Tempo Tantrum." This charming, self-reflective ballad poses the question, "Why are there no slow songs in this show?"

In truth, this polished production doesn't lack much. The traditional male drag kickline was neither as intricate nor as fantastic as some, and I was surprised that in a roundup of sin and vice the writers steered clear for the most part of Clinton, Starr, Lewinsky, and Tripp. Perhaps these targets were deemed too easy or worn.

For all that, one would be hard put to find fault with Jeanne Simpson's choreography, Christopher Gorzelnik's lighting, Robin L. McGee's costumes, and above all, BT McNicholl's inspired direction. These professionals brought out the best in the talented cast and clever material. "101 Damnations" should travel well when the Triangle Club goes on tour this Christmas. —Heller McAlpin



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Well-Known Trio, Golub-Kaplan-Carr, To Perform Here

The Golub-Kaplan-Carr Trio will return to Richardson Auditorium on Thursday evening, December 3, at 8 p.m. in the Princeton University Concerts Chamber Masterworks Series.

The program will consist of works by Gabriel Fauré, Ludwig van Beethoven, and Johannes Brahms.

The ensemble was founded in 1982, when pianist David Golub, violinist Mark Kaplan, and violoncellist Colin Carr — three musicians already celebrated internationally as soloists — were motivated by a common love for chamber music to devote a portion of their concert activity to the performance of piano trios.

Since then, the Golub-Kaplan-Carr Trio has appeared throughout North America and Europe to universal critical and audience acclaim.

The Trio's Princeton program will open with the Piano Trio in D Minor, Opus 120, of Gabriel Fauré; it continues with the Trio in D Major, Opus 70, no. 1, the so-called Ghost Trio, of Ludwig van Beethoven.

After intermission, the program concludes with the Piano Trio in B Major, Opus 8, of Johannes Brahms.

Pianist David Golub grew up in the United States, where he enjoyed a distinguished career in recital and with orchestra. His American and European concert engagements have included appearances with the Philadelphia and Cleveland Orchestras, the London Symphony, London Philharmonia, and Orchestre de la Suisse Romande.

Mr. Golub maintains an active interest in chamber music, and for several years has performed around the world with Isaac Stern, together making the Academy Award-winning film *From Moo to Mozart* in China.



TRIO DUE AT RICHARDSON: The Golub-Kaplan-Carr Trio will perform works of Fauré, Beethoven, and Brahms Thursday, December 3 at 8 at Richardson Auditorium.

Violinist Mark Kaplan has appeared with major orchestras in both America and abroad, including the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia and Cleveland Orchestras, the London Symphony and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

In recent seasons, he has performed in Europe and Scandinavia, visited Israel to work with the Jerusalem Symphony, and recorded with the London Symphony Orchestra.

British violoncellist Colin Carr is in much demand as a recitalist, orchestral soloist, and chamber musician. He has appeared with the Philadelphia Orchestra, and those of Baltimore, Chicago, and Montreal.

Internationally, he has appeared with the Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam, the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, and the Lausanne Chamber Orchestra.

Tickets to the concert, priced at \$29, \$24, and \$19; students, \$2; are available through the Richardson Box Office, 258-5000.

Play by Mastro Simone Announced by Intime

The fourth production in Theatre Intime's current season will be *Extremities*, by William Mastro Simone. The play explores victimization and empowerment as it relates to sexual assault, and reveals the measures that must be taken when four people are pushed to their emotional boundaries and beyond.

The cast includes Amanda Hastings, Will Tsang, Shal Francis, and Cate McGraw. The director is Bronwen Gilbert.

Performances will be December 3 to 5 and 10 to 12 at 8 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2 on December 6. Ticket prices are \$10 general admission, \$8 for faculty, staff, and senior citizens, and \$5 for students.

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Todd Purdum, who graduated from Princeton with a bachelor's degree in history in 1982, has been the Los Angeles bureau chief of *The New York Times* since March, 1997. Before that, he was a White House correspondent, covering the second half of President Clinton's first term and his reelection campaign. In 1997 he received the Aldo Beckman Memorial Award of the White House Correspondents' Association for "valuable insight into the paradoxes and ambiguities of our 42nd president."

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Dutch violinist Jaap Schroeder will be the featured guest artist in Philomel's baroque orchestra performance Monday, November 30, at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

The program, which will include works by Bach, Purcell, Vivaldi and Telemann, will spotlight 17th-century chamber music and well-known baroque concertos.

For the past three decades, Mr. Schroeder has achieved distinction as a concert soloist, a leader and conductor, a chamber musician, a teacher, and an authority on the history of the violin.

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ber of the Netherlands String Quartet, he brought together the Quartetto Esterhazy, the first such ensemble to return to a stylistically appropriate playing style of the classical quartet repertoire.

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Mr. Schroeder has taught throughout the United States and at conservatories in Canada, Sweden, France, and Spain.

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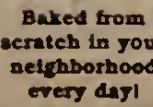
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Backstage Comedy Is New Production At George Street

The next production at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick will be *Inspecting Carol* by Daniel Sullivan and the Seattle Repertory Theatre Company Ensemble.

The play will begin previews Saturday, November 28, and will open Wednesday, December 2, running through Sunday, December 27.

Inspecting Carol is making its New Jersey debut under the direction of George Street Artistic Director David Saint. A blend of classic slapstick and farce, *Inspecting Carol* brings Gogol's *The Inspector General* and Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* together in a backstage comedy where

everything that can possibly go wrong does.

A case of mistaken identity unfolds when a provincial regional theater company, which has produced *A Christmas Carol* one too many times, attempts to charm a National Endowment for the Arts evaluator with its tired version of the Dickens' tale. Unfortunately, Tiny Tim has gotten fat, Bob Cratchit has a bad back, and Scrooge speaks in tongues.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer wrote, "*Inspecting Carol* is a razzle-dazzle of funny character and ingenious jokes."

The cast includes Dan Lauria as Scrooge, Kelly Bishop as the beleaguered director and Denny Dillon as the stage manager. Also appearing are Gordon Connell, Jane Connell, Jim Fyfe, Michael Countryman, Wally Dunn, Ramon Moses, and Alex Brumel.

For tickets, call the box office at (732) 246-7717. George Street Playhouse is located at 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.

The Musical, "Gypsy," Planned at University

The Princeton University Players will perform *Gypsy*, a musical by Arthur Laurents, Stephen Sondheim, and Jule Styne, at the Wilson Blackbox in Wilcox Hall on December 4 through 6 and December 10 through 12.

Gypsy first appeared on Broadway in 1959, starring Ethel Merman as Mama Rose, the destructive stage mother.

The score includes such hits as "Rose's Turn," "Together," "Everything's Coming Up Roses," and "You'll Never Get Away from Me."

Tickets are \$10; \$5 for students; and \$7 for faculty, staff, children under 12, and seniors. Call 258-2255 to reserve tickets and for further information.

Performances are Thursday, December 3, through Saturday, December 5 at 8; Sunday, December 6, at 2; Thursday and Friday, December 10 and 11 at 8; and Saturday, December 12, at 2 and 9.

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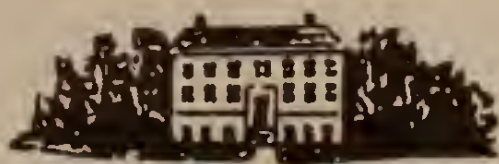
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Robert Taub Recital Due at Drumthwacket

Robert Taub, artist-in-residence at the Institute for Advanced Study, will perform at Drumthwacket, 354 Stockton Street, the official residence of the Governor of New Jersey, on Friday, December 4 at 8. The program will include selections from Beethoven, Chopin and Debussy.

Donation is \$100. Proceeds will benefit the Drumthwacket Foundation's inner-city school program.

Walt Weiskopf to Play With Jazz Ensembles

Tenor saxophonist and composer Walt Weiskopf will be guest soloist with the Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble II, and Miles Davis Ensemble, directed by Anthony D.J. Branker, on Saturday, December 5, at Richardson Auditorium at 8 p.m.

The program will feature several of Mr. Weiskopf's works from his Criss Cross records, *Song for My Mother*, and *Sleepless Nights*.

JazzTimes magazine's Bill Milkowski called Mr. Weiskopf among the "five most underrated players in jazz." Mr. Weiskopf joined the Buddy Rich Big Band at the age of 21. He formed his own small group in 1985. Throughout the years, he has been featured with many diverse names in jazz.

A graduate of the Eastman School of Music and Queens College of the City University of New York, Mr. Weiskopf has given clinics and concerts at the Jamey Aerbersold Summer Jazz Workshops, University of Southern California, Paris Conservatory, and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

Tickets are \$20; \$10 for Princeton University students and senior citizens; \$5 for children under 12.

For tickets, call 258-5000.

New Children's Musical Will Hold Auditions

Auditions for *Udder Modness*, a new musical for children to be produced by Playful Theatre Productions, will take place December 5 and 6 at the Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m.

The producer is Baker, Gasparian & McLean and the director is Mike Wills, from New York City.

Auditions are for two females and two males, in their twenties, who have good comic sense and are able to do multiple European accents well. A prepared song from any source should be brought; accompaniment will be provided.

Call 882-9636 for an appointment. There will be a small amount of pay. Performances will be February 26 to 28, plus some weekday performances to be announced.

Passage Theatre Benefit Is Planned at Hyatt

Political comic Lewis Black will entertain Passage Theatre supporters at a benefit Thursday, December 3 at the Princeton Hyatt's Catch A Rising Star comedy club.

Television audiences know Mr. Black through his regular



Walt Weiskopf

N.J. Gay Men's Chorus Offers Holiday Concert

The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus will perform "In Excelsis Deo: A Festival for Christmas" Friday, December 4, at 8 p.m. at Nassau Presbyterian Church. The Lawrence Chorale and Nassau Brass will also participate.

The program will include both sacred and popular music, including Daniel Pinkham's *Christmas Contoto*, Flor Peters' *Entroto Festivo*, and music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Franz Schubert, and Aaron Copland.

The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus is composed of members from communities in central and northern New Jersey and Bucks County, Pa.

Tickets are \$15; \$12 for students and senior citizens. They may be obtained by calling (732) 294-2446.

appearances on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." His one-man show, *Black Humor*, had a successful run in New York last season.

He has written more than 40 plays that have been produced across the country and his acting credits include roles at McCarter Theatre, Williamstown Theatre Festival, and Long Wharf Theatre.

The evening will begin at 7:30 with a silent auction. The opening act will begin at 8:30 and Lewis Black will go on stage at 9:15. All tickets are \$25 and there will be a cash bar. Seating is limited.

The event will benefit the State Street Project for Trenton Children as well as Passage Theatre's main-stage productions.

For information, call June Ballinger at Passage Theatre, 392-0766.

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MAKING MERRY: Members of the Griggstown Historical Society are from left, Doris Carroll, Kay Langeland, and Nancy Allen with last year's "Greens and Goodies." The annual sale will take place this year on Saturday, December 5, from 10 to 2.

Clubs & Organizations

The **Griggstown Historical Society** will hold its 18th annual "Greens and Goodies Sale" in Griggstown's restored one-room schoolhouse, on Saturday, December 5, from 10 to 2.

The schoolhouse, located behind the Griggstown Reformed Church, dates from 1849, when it housed all grades from one to eight. One teacher taught all the children. The school closed in June, 1932, after which the historical society restored the building and holds meetings there.

Visitors to the sale on December 5 will be treated to hot spiced cranberry punch heated on the pot bellied stove, while they browse through the old-fashioned hand-made craft items for sale.

To reach Griggstown, take Route 27 to Kendall Park and turn onto Bunker Hill Road; or access it from Route 518, via Canal Road.

The **Kingston Historical Society** will hold a holiday open house and book sale and signing on Saturday, December 5, at the Lock Tender's House by the Delaware-Raritan Canal, Kingston, from 2 to 4.

Jeanette K. Muser will sign her pictorial history book, *Rocky Hill, Kingston, and Griggstown*, recently published by Arcadia Publishing Company.

The book is part of the "Images of America" series and chronicles places, events and people, along the five-mile stretch of the canal between Kingston and Griggstown.

Members of the society will sell T-shirts; 1999 calendars, containing scenes of bygone Kingston; and luminary kits. Refreshments will be served.

The **Princeton Singles**, a group for people of 55-plus, will meet for breakfast on Friday, December 4, at 9, at the Broad Street Deli and Bakery, Hopewell. There is no cost beyond the price of the meal. For more information, call 908-874-5434.

The group also plans a the-

ater party on Sunday, December 6, to see the musical "Oliver," at the Kelsey Theater, Mercer County Community College. Curtain time is 3.

The cost is \$12; senior citizens will be charged \$8. Reservations are required by December 3. For more information, call 392-1786.

The **Princeton Recorder Society** will hold its annual "conductors' night" on Tuesday, December 8, from 8 to 10, at the Kingston Presbyterian Church, on Kingston's Main Street.

Members who will conduct include Russell Almond, Shella Femekes, Jutta Hikel, Patrick Littell, and Adelheid von Goeler. The audience will sight read music dating from various centuries, in a variety of styles.

Newcomers are welcome to play along with the group.

Refreshments will be served at 7:30, before the performance begins.

For more information, call President Shella Femekes, 908-788-0522, or music director Joan Wilson, 924-1876.

The **Neshanic Garden Club** will hold its holiday greens workshop on Wednesday, December 2, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Building.

Participants may make wreaths, table arrangements, or sprays. Staff members of Ambleside Gardens will provide instruction, with the assistance of garden club members.

The cost of materials, including greens, decorations, and ribbons, is \$15, payable in advance. Participants should bring their own pruning shears. Call 908-359-0410 or 908-359-5930 to register. Space is limited.

Hopewell Masonic Lodge #155 will hold its

Support Sources

Barbara Parkoff, program director of Community Choice, NJ Department of Health & Senior Services, will conduct a workshop on **Housing Options for Seniors** on Tuesday, December 8, from 10 to 11:30, at the main office of Jewish Family and Children's Service, 707 Alexander Road, Suite 102.

Ms. Parkoff will discuss home adaptations to meet future needs. She will also talk about continuing care retirement facilities, assisted living facilities, and other housing alternatives.

Resource information will be distributed; and Ms. Parkoff will answer questions as she helps workshop participants make decisions about their futures.

A continental breakfast will be served from 9:30 to 10. There is no fee. For more information, call Judith L. Weinberg, program coordinator, Center for Jewish Elderly/Family Caregivers, at 987-8100; 882-9317; or 443-6260.

The Thanksgiving, Chanukah and New Year's holiday season, with its focus on family and traditions, can be especially difficult for people who are grieving over the loss of a loved one.

The Center for Jewish Elderly/Family Caregivers will be offering **Handling the Holidays, a Bereavement Workshop**, Wednesday, December 16 from 10:30 to noon and Thursday, December 17 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Conducted by Judith L. Weinberg, LCSW, the workshop will be held at the main office of Jewish Family & Children's Service, 707 Alexander Road, Suite 102.

The workshop will include discussions of feelings as well as practical suggestions for getting through these difficult days. Participation is made available, at no fee, through a generous Family Foundation grant.

For information and registration, contact Judith L. Weinberg, LCSW, Program Coordinator, Center for Jewish Elderly/Family Caregivers, 987-8100 or 882-9317.

annual Christmas bazaar on Saturday, December 5, from 9 to 5 at the Hopewell Masonic Temple, West Broad Street (Route 518) in Hopewell.

Hand-crafted gifts, decorations, ornaments, and specialty items will be available; along with freshly-baked pies, cakes, and cookies. A lunch of homemade soups, sandwiches, and desserts will be available. For more information, call 466-1015.

The **Montgomery Cultural Center**, 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman, will hold its annual meeting on December 3, at 7:30, at 1860 House. Members are invited to attend.

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SPORTS

Second Half Surge Enables Tiger Football To Beat Dartmouth, End on Winning Note

Dan Swingos was once again the last man into the Princeton team room following Saturday's football game. But this time, it was different — and not just because it was the last time.

Back on October 4, Swingos occupied the rear in a column of silent Tigers on their way to the showers after Princeton's second-straight overtime loss, a heartbreaker at the hands of Fordham. After all his teammates had gone inside, the senior captain and starting defensive lineman let out a thunderous yell as he slammed his helmet against a wall in rage.

Saturday's postgame events started out in a similar fashion. There was Swingos, once again the last man into the team room, once again yelling at the top of his lungs. But instead of rage, this yell carried nothing but joy, for Swingos and his classmates had accomplished what they set out to do Saturday — go out as winners.

Princeton (5-5 overall, 4-3 Ivy League) broke away from the Big Green in the second half to secure a 35-13 victory at Princeton Stadium in the Tigers' final game of the season. Princeton finished in fourth place in the Ivy League, behind champion Penn (8-2, 6-1) and second-place finishers Brown (7-3, 5-2) and Yale (6-4, 5-2). The Quakers claimed sole possession of the title with a 35-21 victory over Cornell Saturday in Ithaca, N.Y.

After a season in which costly errors on a few key plays relegated Princeton to a mediocre record, the win over Dartmouth went a long way toward erasing the pain and frustration on the part of the Tigers.

"I couldn't have asked for anything more," Swingos said. "I felt I had a very good game individually. I felt our defense had an awesome game. And going out on a win, I'll remember this game for the rest of my life."

Plenty to Play For

Head coach Steve Tosches had emphasized all week in practice that although the Tigers were no longer in contention for the Ivy title, there was still a lot to play for on Saturday. None of Tosches's current players had ever beaten Dartmouth prior to the game.

"It gives the seniors a gift, a going-away gift," Tosches said. "We finished the year 1-0. That was our approach all week — 'Let's be 1-0 at the end of Saturday.' It's something to build on for the younger guys. It's a smile on everybody's face now, as we head into the offseason and as we head into recruiting."

That smile almost didn't materialize, as the problems that have plagued Princeton all season arose in mass in the first half. Senior quarterback John Burnham — whose inconsistency hit its high point last week when he threw six interceptions in a loss to Yale — was intercepted twice in the first half, leading to 10 Big Green points.

Special teams mistakes again hampered the Tigers, as they allowed a 90-yard kickoff return late in the second half. Fortunately for Princeton, its defense hung tough after the big return, limiting Dartmouth to a field goal, and the Tigers entered halftime up a point, 14-13.

"I think today typified this football team," Tosches said. "We came in (up) 14-13 at the half. There were a couple of turnovers, penalties, the same story as a number of weeks this year. This team, it has resiliency. It has

toughness. It bounced back. That was as good a second half as we've had all year."

Theisen Goes 70 Yards

Princeton wasted no time in putting the Big Green away in the second half. On the first play from scrimmage, at his own 30-yard line, junior running back Derek Theisen took a handoff from Burnham and ran straight up the middle of the Big Green defense.

Theisen didn't stop until he had run the 70 yards to the goalline, passed through the back of the end zone and jumped into the crowd in a Princeton version of the "Lambeau Leap." Theisen's run was the longest for a Tiger since Brock Harvey '96 ran 92 yards against Yale November 11, 1995.

"It was just a basic counter play we've been running all year," Theisen said of the play. "And it was funny because the defense actually recognized it. Before the play, the linebacker actually started shouting out, 'Watch the counter.' When you can run a play when the defense knows its coming ... that was just the type of day we had."

Now up by eight points, Tosches was content to play conservatively and let the defense and senior punter Matt Evans protect the lead. The strategy worked, as the defense played one of its best halves of the year and Evans landed four consecutive punts inside the Dartmouth 20-yard line. It was a fitting end to an outstanding career for Evans, whose punts may be spiraling skyward in the NFL next year.

Princeton added two touchdowns late in the game as the lead allowed Tosches to play some of his senior reserves for the last time. Tailback Nathan McGlothlin scored the final touchdown of the season, quarterback Pat Minnihan took the last snap and place kicker Ben Mullin converted the final extra point.

"It couldn't have ended any better," Tosches said. "You could not have written a better script."

Bittersweet End for Burnham

Burnham might not agree. The senior QB ended an erratic season with one of his poorer performances, completing five of 12 passes for 109 yards and a touchdown. After Burnham's two first-half interceptions, Tosches virtually abandoned the pass in the second half, and Burnham threw just twice after halftime. He finished the season with 11 touchdowns and 13 interceptions.

With Burnham and Dartmouth quarterback Mike Coffey unable to generate much through the air, the game was decided on the ground.

Dartmouth entered the contest with the Ivy League's worst rushing offense, and it stood no chance against a Princeton run defense ranked tops in the league and third in Division I-AA. For the game, the Big Green managed just 53 yards on 32 carries, and it was held to negative-one yards net rushing in the second half. Senior defensive back Rocky Fittizzi and freshman linebacker Andrew Babinecz — a two-time Ivy League Rookie of the Week — had career games for the Tigers, notching seven and nine tackles, respectively.

While Dartmouth struggled to run, Theisen, fellow junior tailback Damien Taylor, and an inspired offensive line powered the Princeton ground game. Theisen carried 24 times for a career-high 173 yards and two touchdowns on his way to earning Ivy League Player of the Week honors, while Taylor tallied 80 yards and a touchdown on 17 attempts.

"I love all those guys who are seniors, and I think that was part of my energy today," Theisen said. "I just wanted to give everything I had to make sure they went out with a win."

The Orange and Black did go out with a win, and Theisen's efforts were appreciated by no one more than the Tiger captain. Like the 1998 Princeton team, Swingos has endured a good deal of adversity, missing most of last season with ankle injuries. He bounced back strong this year, though, and Tosches described him as one of the finest captains he has ever had.

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Princeton 35-Dartmouth 13 Penn 35-Cornell 21
 Brown 10-Columbia 3 Yale 9-Harvard 7



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Penn	6	1	.857	8	2	.800
Brown	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
Yale	5	2	.714	6	4	.600
Princeton	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Columbia	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
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CATCH ME IF YOU CAN: Princeton's Derek Theisen ran through the Dartmouth line and into the pen on the way to a 70-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage in the second half. He finished with a career-high 171 yards.

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Tiger Football

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Again the last man to enter the team room, Swingos was also one of the last to leave, as he talked at length to reporters about the end of his career.

"When it hits me, it's just going to be a big wave and the tears will probably start flowing," he said. "This game is a part of me. This game is like a family to me. I've known this game all my life. And now for it just to be taken away from me, it doesn't seem fair. But it happens to everybody."

He said it one last time, not in a yell of rage or a shout of a joy, but softly, like he was remembering 12 years of organized football all at once.

"This game's been great to me."

—Bryan Seeley

EXTRA POINTS: The 22-point margin of victory over Dartmouth was the most since 1987, when Princeton won 34-3 in Hanover. That was the last time the Big Green finished 2-8.

Tiger Football All Smiles at Season's End; Question Is When Are Better Times Coming?

The Princeton football team may not have any idea how to play for an Ivy title, but it certainly knows how to play for pride.

Matched against the worst Dartmouth football team in 11 years, the Tigers at times looked like a 9-0 team hell bent on finishing undefeated rather than a 4-5 squad struggling to reach .500. Never mind that mistakes by the Orange and Black led directly to all the visitors' points — this was an afternoon to atone for a season's worth of frustrations.

At the end, there were smiles all around for a team that had labored long and hard to win half its games. More important, the Orange and Black finished 4-3 in the league, good enough for sole possession of fourth place, after two consecutive 2-5 Ivy campaigns.

"This gives the seniors a kind of going-away gift," commented coach Steve Tosches after the game. "It's good to see smiles on their faces. This team had resilience all year, toughness, the ability to bounce back. We reached down and came back to finish in a way that will send us into the off-season, into the recruiting on a high. You couldn't have written a better script."

Yes, for this game, the script was perfect. But Princeton fans, who have experienced three consecutive seasons of "what might have been football" would like to see a script that works for the whole schedule. In 1996, when the Tigers went 3-7, five of those losses were by less than a touchdown.

Last fall, four of the five defeats were by a total of 12 points. And we all know this year's story. The forfeit of last year's Penn game notwithstanding, this program is 13-17 since winning the 1995 Ivy title.

The question is, what is it going to take to move Old Nassau back into the realm of 8-2? The answer is right there in the skill positions. What's needed is an above-average quarterback and a running back. John Burnham was Princeton's eighth starting quarterback in the last nine years.

Next year, there will be another one. Sophomore John Blevins wasn't good enough to wrest the job away from Burnham this fall, so unless he undergoes some sort of transformation over the summer, don't look for miracles next fall.

Freshman Tommy Crenshaw presents an interesting problem for Tosches. Recruited as a quarterback, he is also an outstanding pitcher. Trouble is, spring practice, when the coaches will want to take a long look at Blevins and Crenshaw, will be right in the middle of the baseball season. Crenshaw may have to make a choice as to which sport he will pursue before next April.

The starting tailback spot will be up for grabs again with Derek Thiesen, Damien Taylor and Kyle Brandt all back to try and claim it. All this fall pointed out is that none of the three is good enough to handle the duties alone.

Great players in the skill positions produce good teams. It's no accident that Penn, with the likes of Jim Finn and Matt Rader, won the title. It's no accident that Yale with Rashad Bartholomew and Joe Walland, and Brown with Jim Perry and Sean Morey, finished tied for second. If Princeton can't recruit talented players to fill these positions it's going to be mired in mediocrity. And don't count on transfers — the University does not admit them.

The defensive secondary was another problem for Princeton this fall, but that is easier to fix. Struggling with inexperienced replacements after players like Tom Ludwig and Damani Leech graduated, this unit lost its best player, Gerry Wilson, to injury early on, and never recovered. Wilson will be back next year to lead a more experienced group.

A quick look at the rest of the league sees Yale as possibly the team to beat. The Elis get both Walland and Bartholomew back, plus many players from the defense. Brown has Perry back, and should challenge again. Penn faces major rebuilding with both Rader and Finn gone.

Dartmouth, Columbia and Cornell — like Princeton — must start all over at quarterback and come up with a strong running back. Harvard is the big question mark. It will have both Rich Linden and Chris Menick returning as seniors, but both struggled this fall after superb sophomore seasons.

In his remarks to the press, captain Dan Swingos pointed out what might have been for Princeton.

"We could have been 8-2, 9-1, said Swingos. "Losing in overtime to Lehigh, which is still unbeaten, losing in overtime to Fordham, losing by a point to Harvard and three to Yale. We were so close to being a championship team. The 5-5 record is deceiving."

Some day soon, let's have a 9-1 mark that's deceiving.

—Jeb Stuart

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Princeton shot an atrocious 29 percent from the floor in the first half, committed 9 turnovers and trailed 32-19 at the break. It seemed unable to work together.

Earl did what a leader has to in such situations. He took over his team's offense and scored the Tigers' first nine points of the second half.

But the Leopards seemed to answer each of Earl's baskets with one of their own and outscored Princeton by three over the course of the final half to win by 16.

Neither Young nor Krug made memorable debuts. Krug took only two shots and failed to score. Young scored eight points but only four of them came from within the paint. He had no assists and made four turnovers.

Though slightly more seasoned, juniors Rocca and Walton (both are 6-foot-7) did not fair any better inside. Rocca hit two free throws and Walton nailed a three but neither posted up effectively.

Short Lived Lead

Rocca gave the Tigers their only lead of the night when his two foul shots made it 9-7 Princeton with 12:25 left in the first quarter. The Leopards then went on a nine-point run and never looked back.

Though he was not the factor his team needed him to be, Young did do something none of his teammates has. With a first quarter slam, he became the only current Tiger to have dunked in a game.

Though Lafayette won this battle, Princeton is still winning the war. It leads the overall series between the two teams 39-12.

Earl and Lewullis played for all 40 minutes in both of Princeton's first two games. To date they have accounted for more than 75 percent of their team's points. Other players will need to contribute more if the Tigers hope to defend their Ivy title.

Former center Steve Goodrich — last season's Ivy League player of the year — apparently took Princeton's inside game with him when he graduated. Krug and Young may represent the future of Tiger basketball but at present they look like the rookies they are.

Walton and Rocca came off the bench to good effect last year and have been good role players this year. Now they need to play bigger roles, at least until Krug and Young can get their games up to college speed.

After two games this season, Earl has 1,019 career points. With 874 points to



CAREER HIGH: Senior forward Gabe Lewullis scored a career-high 30 points against UNC Wilmington on Saturday.

date, Lewullis should join the Tigers' 1,000 club soon.

With the exception of Lewullis and Earl, Princeton seemed rattled by the crowd at Lafayette. They handled the pressure of playing in a hostile arena much better at Wilmington.

The Tigers' less experienced players have no choice but to get used to playing on the road. Princeton has just two home games prior to January 8, when it begins its Ivy campaign against Brown.

The Tigers travel to Monmouth for a 7 p.m. game on November 28 that will be broadcast on cable channel 8.

—Albert Raboteau

NOTES: For all you Tiger friends who were frightened by Penn's near upset of eighth-ranked Konsos on November 17, here is something that should terrify you: the Quakers beat No. 6 Temple 73-70 in overtime November 23.

Temple had improved its ranking from 7 to 6 by beating then-No. 5 Michigan State Friday, November 20. Michigan State, of course, knocked the Tigers out of last year's NCAA Tournament.

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Tiger Hockey Misses Second Straight Sweep, Settles for Tie with Brown and Second Place

The Princeton hockey team, which has been trying to make history the past two weekends, had some old history catch up with it last Saturday evening in Baker Rink.

The Tigers were just seven minutes away from their second straight weekend sweep, something they have never accomplished, and their first home sweep in three years, but could not quite pull it off. They had taken care of a struggling Harvard team, 3-2, Friday night, and held another 3-2 lead against Brown in the third period Saturday.

But the Bruins have a very good history of making things tough for the Orange and Black on its home ice. In its last 10 trips to Baker, Brown has a record of 7-1-2. When the two teams face off in Providence, Old Nassau is far more successful; it has won two quarter-final playoff rounds there.

Thus, it came as no surprise when the Bruins scored on a deflected shot with just seven minutes left in the third period to tie the contest at 3-3. Both teams had several opportunities to score in the rest of regulation and a five-minute overtime, but the deadlock held.

Three Points Instead of Four

We know it's tough to take, but Tiger fans will just have to be satisfied with three points instead of another four, and second place in the ECAC standings, one point behind 4-0 Colgate. The Raiders and Princeton are the only two ECAC teams without a loss in league play.

"This just gives you an example of how difficult it is to get points," said coach Don Cahoon after the game. "Our team needs to make gains so we keep improving. This was a little blip in the screen. It's a long schedule and things have a way of working themselves out."

A year ago the Tigers were 2-0-2 after their first four games against the same opponents, and then were swept by Cornell and Colgate on the road. With the different schedule this season, Princeton will play only two more ECAC contests before Christmas break.

They will come the first weekend in December against Yale on back-to-back nights. The Orange and Black will travel to New Haven on Friday, December 4, and the teams will face off in Baker Rink on Saturday, December 5. After losing twice on the same road trip Princeton took, the Elks did manage to sweep Brown and Harvard.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, Princeton will play a pair of non-conference games. Friday night, it will meet Providence in Rhode Island. On Sunday afternoon at 5 it will play Merrimack in Baker Rink. Last year, Cahoon's skaters beat Merrimack 2-0 on the road and tied Providence 4-4 in Baker Rink.

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HALPERN IN CONTROL: After being shut out for the first time in eight games, dating back to last season, Jeff Halpern had a goal in a 3-3 tie with Brown Saturday night.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Humbling Times for Harvard

How the times have changed. In decades past Princeton was lucky to beat Harvard once every five years or so. Now it's the Crimson who hasn't defeated the Tigers in three years, and has lost its first five league games for the first time ever.

Nick Rankin was back in the net Friday night looking to prove his shutout of St. Lawrence was no fluke, and he did a convincing job, allowing just two power play goals on 19 shots in the 3-2 triumph. It was Rankin's first win at Baker since a 6-2 triumph over Harvard in November, 1996. He has seven career wins, and three have come against the Cantabs.

Syl Apps staked Old Nassau to a 1-0 lead midway through the first period when he scored an unassisted tally. He intercepted a Harvard clearing pass, and put the puck behind Crimson goalie J.R. Prestifilippo. That advantage stood up until early in the second when Steve Shirreffs was sent off for roughing at 1:06.

The visitors needed just 40 seconds to draw even. With the teams skating four-on-four seven minutes later, Shane Campbell put the Tigers back on top, assisted by J.P. Acosta. This lead held up until the third when Harvard capitalized on another man advantage to produce a 2-2 deadlock.

The Tigers' game winner came off the stick of Jason Hegland, after some superb work in the corner by Chris Corrinet. His perfect centering pass found Hegland breaking from the blue line, and the senior defenseman buried the puck in the net for only his third career goal and first game-winning tally.

"The past couple of practices coach let the defense know he wanted us to join the play," Hegland said after the game. "As a defenseman, you're always hesitant, because you're always afraid of getting caught up ice. But coach gave us the go, which is nice."

Brown Battles for Tie

The following night Brown and Princeton played the typical chippy game against each other, which involved the usual roughing, high sticking and slashing penalties on both sides. The Tigers outshot the visitors by a wide margin, 36 to 18, but it didn't matter in the end, and the outcome bugged Apps.

"You shouldn't be playing hockey if you're happy with tie," the senior forward commented. In the first period we played well. In the second we got into penalty trouble. We have to rectify that because that is not the type of situation where we're going to put a team away."

Apps did everything he could with two goals and an assist, and now has four tallies this season. After Brown took an early 1-0 lead in the first period, Apps and Shirreffs set up Jeff Halpern. With Princeton a man up, his low slap shot made it 1-1. Just two minutes later Apps, assisted by J.P. Acosta and Campbell, put Princeton ahead 2-1.

Each team tallied once in the second, enabling Princeton to maintain its one-goal lead. The Bruins scored at 12:58, and Apps got his second on a power play, assisted by Benoit Morin and Halpern. However, the third period featured just one goal, and Brown got it to forge the 3-3 tie.

Cahoon stayed with his goalie rotation, and had freshman Dave Stathos back in the net on Saturday night. Stathos played fairly well, but got caught out of the net in the second period when the puck took a bad bounce off the board behind him. It deflected to Brown's John Petricig, who whacked it into a partially open cage. He also lost his stick in the first period, and was using one belonging to a Princeton defenseman when Brown scored its first goal.

SLAPSHOTS: Friday night's game was the first since the opening game last year that neither Jeff Halpern or Steve Shirreffs was credited with a point.

ECAC HOCKEY

Friday, November 20	Saturday, November 21
Princeton 3 Harvard 2	Princeton 3 Brown 3(OT)
Colgate 7 Vermont 2	Colgate 6 Dartmouth 1
Cornell 3 Dartmouth 1	St. Lawrence 3 Clarkson 1
Union 5 RPI 4	Vermont 5 Cornell 3
Yale 5 Brown 3	Yale 7 Harvard 1
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Colgate	4	0	0	8
Princeton	3	0	1	7
Cornell	3	1	0	6
Vermont	3	1	0	6
St. Lawrence	2	1	0	4
Yale	2	2	0	4
Brown	1	3	1	3
Clarkson	1	2	0	2
Rensselaer	1	2	0	2
Union	1	2	0	2
Dartmouth	1	3	0	2
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This Weekend's Games

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Niagara at RPI	Dartmouth at Nebraska
Vermont at UMass	Niagara at Union
Yale at Merrimack	

Sunday, November 29
 Merrimack at Princeton



JUST ENOUGH: PHS quarterback Harlem Rhodes snuck into the end zone on this play in the third quarter of his team's Saturday contest versus Wildwood.

(Photo by Albert Raboteau)

PHS Football Team Loses Season Finale To Wildwood High

Princeton earned 12 first downs to its opponent's two over the first two periods, but trailed 13-8 at halftime of Saturday's season finale at Harris field.

It was that kind of day for the Tigers, who fumbled the ball nine times, turned it over six times and lost, 26-14, to a Wildwood team they had expected to beat.

The Warriors (4-6) lost to McCorristin earlier this season. Princeton beat McCorristin easily but could not beat Wildwood, which had just 17 players on its team this year and had its last winning season in 1965.

Frustrated Coach

"I'm very frustrated right now," PHS coach Dave Dudeck said, minutes after his team's season ended at 2-8. "We moved the ball well but didn't put it in the end zone."

Princeton out-gained the Warriors 320-235 on the day. Alonzo Green rushed 19 times for 131 yards to pace the Tigers.

"Alonzo was a positive and moving the ball up the field was a positive," Dudeck said. "But it was our worst turnover game of the year. And turnovers lose games — especially in high school. I thought we would be able to win. The frustrating part is it didn't get done."

Early Turnovers

On the game's third play, Princeton's Mattaay Smith caught a four-yard pass from Harlem Rhodes, then had the ball torn from his grasp by Wildwood's Tylee Thomas, who ran with it for 28 yards and a touchdown.

Princeton seemed poised to tie the contest when it fumbled away the ball on its opponent's two. The Tigers sacked Joe Kelley for a safety on the next play to cut the difference to five.

They drove 42 yards in six plays for their only lead of the game two minutes before halftime. Harlem Rhodes finished the drive with a 14-yard scramble to give his team an 8-7 edge.

Two plays later, Thomas

victimlized the Tigers again, when he bounced off several defenders and dashed 60-yards for the second of his three touchdowns. He finished with a game-high 134 yards on 16 carries.

At the start of the second half, it looked as if the teams had traded places. Wildwood received the kickoff, marched to the Princeton seven and fumbled the ball away.

Princeton could not convert the Warriors only turnover into points and soon punted. Wildwood went up 20-8 with a 47-yard pass late in the third quarter.

Forced to Punt

Rhodes capped a 73-yard drive with his second touchdown to make it 20-14. PHS forced the Warriors to punt after three plays and got the ball back on its own 17 with 5:42 left.

But it fumbled on its own 25; and, as it had all day, Wildwood capitalized. Thomas scored from 12 yards out to put his team up by two touchdowns with just over three minutes left.

Rhodes entered the game as the 12th Man TD Club's offensive player of the week. PHS's senior quarterback won that honor after leading his team to a 27-26 overtime win over Red Bank on November 13.

Smith, who scored twice in the Red Bank game, hurt his knee early in the second quarter of last Saturday's game and did not return.

Two Princeton starters were suspended from the team for unspecified reasons prior to the Wildwood contest. Losing three important players made Dudeck's job harder, but he refused to use circumstances as an excuse.

"They're a decent football team," he said. "They have four wins to their credit... they came to play and we didn't."

"We created and converted on turnovers," Wildwood coach Bill Hennessey said of his team. "We only had four kids on the sidelines today. Most everybody had to play both ways and they all played real hard."

—Albert Raboteau

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Princeton Falls One Game Short Of First Ever Field Hockey Title

Once the pain of their 3-2 loss to Old Dominion in Sunday's NCAA field hockey final fades a little, the eight seniors who were the heart of Princeton's team will be able to look back at an impressive list of accomplishments: three straight Final Four appearances, two finals' berths and a perfect Ivy League record three years running.

All that is missing is a national championship. The Tigers wound up their regular season 15-2 and avenged one of their losses by beating UConn 4-1 in Friday's semifinals at Penn's Franklin Field. (The Huskies had beaten Princeton by a goal on October 18.) But Princeton failed to avenge its other loss (to ODU on October 25) and came up short against the top-ranked Lady Monarchs for the second time this year.

ODU jumped out to a 2-0 lead and seemed well on its way to its eighth national title when Princeton appeared to convert a penalty corner with just over one minute left in the first half. Melanie Meerschman slapped a low shot that bounced off ODU goalie Jamie Hill's stick and into the upper portion of the cage.

Questionable Call

But an official ruled the ball hit a Tiger player's foot before reaching the goal, which would require a stoppage of play and negate the goal. Winter is less than a month away, but it is not yet so cold that Kirsty Hale — the Tiger player whose foot allegedly got in the way — would have numb feet during an afternoon game. She did not feel the ball hit her.

Princeton got back in the game with a goal at the 25:30 mark of the second half. Robin Dwyer passed between two defenders to

Hale, who knocked in her 16th goal this year.

"Our objective was to play our game," Tiger coach Beth Bozman said. "We didn't do that in the first half. In the second half we started playing the way we are capable."

ODU answered quickly. Argentine native Marina DiGiacomo scored her second goal of the game and 30th of the year to give her team some breathing room. But it could not relax for long. Princeton's Alison Morris cut the deficit to one off a penalty corner. However, her goal proved to be Princeton's last gasp.

Gutsy Performance

Princeton senior Mollie O'Malley tore an anterior-cruciate ligament in her knee on November 2. Though surgery will eventually be necessary, after extensive rehab she miraculously returned to play in the win over UConn and start in the final. Unfortunately she aggravated the injury against ODU and had to be helped off the field with 5:34 left.

"This loss hurts more than the one in the finals two years ago," O'Malley said afterwards. "We're seniors now. We don't get another chance at a ring."

Earlier this month, when O'Malley learned the meniscus in her injured knee had not been torn — meaning she could postpone surgery and return by the later rounds of the playoffs — she swore she would play if her team made the Final Four.

She kept her word. After UConn jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, O'Malley entered Friday's rain-soaked semifinal and apparently inspired her team, which rallied to win 4-1.

Hilary Matson scored twice in the first half and Hale tallied twice in the second to lead the Tigers to the finals.

Matson put forth an amazing effort to score her first goal unassisted and tie the game at the 22:43 mark of the first half. She stole the ball towards the middle of the field and brought it down the right sideline, then cut across towards the goalmouth. From there she fired a backhanded shot past UConn goalie Danielle Vile.

She scored what proved to be the winning goal 3½ minutes before the break. On that play, she gathered a rebound and fired it in for her 12th score this year.

Hale scored an

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KICK SAVE: Princeton goalie Meg DeJong stretched out to try and block this shot in the second half.

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SO CLOSE: Princeton seniors Kirsty Hale (left) and Christine Hunsicker (center) were visibly disappointed after losing the NCAA field hockey championship by one point to Old Dominion, Sunday.

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Tiger Field Hockey

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insurance goal off a rebound with 18:12 left to play. She finished the day's scoring (and the Huskies' season) with her second goal, which came off a penalty corner and was assisted by Christine Hunsicker.

A Team to Remember

Though they could not deliver Princeton's first ever field hockey championship, Princeton's senior eight — O'Malley, Matson, Hale, Hunsicker, Ann Marie Reich, Adrienne Breslin, Alison Morris, Brooke Doherty and Meg DeJong —

established their school's reputation as a field hockey power and their own reputation as a team for the ages.

"I don't think we'll ever have a class like this one again," Bozman said. "Not only as field hockey players but as people. They brought so many good things to this team and to Princeton. They will be extremely hard to replace."

Bozman is not the only one who thinks highly of the Tigers. Matson, Hunsicker, O'Malley and Hale were named to the Mid-Atlantic Regional All-America first team and Dwyer, Reich, Morris and DeJong made the second team.

—Albert Raboteau

Five Tiger Football Players Named All-Ivy

Five Princeton football players have been chosen first-team all-Ivy in balloting by the league's coaches.

Punter Matt Evans became only the third player in Princeton history to be named to the first team for three consecutive years. The others were wide receiver Derek Graham, Class of 1985, and defensive back Damani Leech, Class of 1998.

Also named to the first team were Tiger captain and defensive end Dan Swingos, junior defensive end David Ferrara, and offensive linemen Hamin Abdullah, a junior, and sophomore Dennis Norman.

Chosen for the second team were senior linebacker Jim Salters, placekicker Alex Slerk, wide receiver Ryan Crowley and offensive tackle Justin Bennett. Senior linebacker Mike Veronesi earned honorable mention.

The Asa S. Bushnell Cup, given to the Ivy Player of the Year, was awarded to Penn running back Jim Finn, who led the league in rushing. Columbia running back Johnathan Reese was picked as the league's Rookie of the Year.

Joining Finn in the first team backfield were quarterback Jim Perry of Brown, a first-team selection for the second straight year, Yale running back Rashad Bartholomew, and Columbia fullback Kirby Mack. Yale's Mike Murawczyk was chosen as placekicker, beating out Slerk. Brown captured both wide receiver spots, one going to Sean Morey, last year's Player of the Year, the other to Stephen Brown, a sophomore. Zachary Burns of Penn was the tight end selection.

The second team backfield included quarterback Matt Rader of Penn, running backs Deon Harris of Cornell and Chris Menick of Harvard, and fullback Brian Cosmello of Penn.

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During the week ending November 19, children were born to 11 other area couples at the medical center, according to a report from the hospital.

Daughters were born to Rudl Van-Mol and Janet McCredie, Princeton, on November 13; Yanzun Li and Yue Zhang, Plainsboro, November 15; and Reza and Mojgan Taghehchian, Princeton, also on November 15.



Richard H. Bagger

Assemblyman to Speak At the Nassau Club

Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, chairman of the New Jersey Assembly Appropriations Committee, will speak at a breakfast sponsored by the Republican Association of Princeton, on Tuesday, December 1, at 7:30. The event will take place at the Nassau Club, 6 Mercer Street; and the public is invited.

Mr. Bagger is Majority Budget Officer and co-chairman of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee. During his tenure in the Legislature, more than 70 bills, for which he was a prime Assembly sponsor, have become law.

A graduate of Princeton University and Rutgers Law School, Mr. Bagger has held a number of public and political positions. He was at one time a member of the Westfield Town Council and is a former mayor of Westfield.

There is a \$14 charge for the breakfast, payable at the door. For reservations, call Martha Giancola, 924-9194.

PHS Club Organizing Hurricane Relief Effort

The Latin American Club of Princeton High School has organized a drive to aid victims of Hurricane Mitch. In conjunction with the Princeton/Granada Sister City Project, the Latin American Club will collect necessities that will be sent to Honduras and Nicaragua.

The devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch is enormous. Last week 40 percent of Nicaragua was under water, and currently half a million people are homeless. Disease is spreading rapidly and famine is likely to last six months.

Boxes will be placed outside of the Princeton High School main office for household items (shoes/sandals, blankets, soap, brooms, plastic containers, paper goods, bedding, candles, and cooking utensils), food (dried foods such as beans and milk, cooking oil, crackers, rice and some canned goods), educational supplies (pens, paper, notebooks), and vegetable seeds, since many communities have been depleted of this resource.

The high school club also plans to contact local business and corporations, as well as other schools in the district. Those who would like to become involved in the drive should contact Sylvia Sepulveda (teacher advisor) or Andrea Dinan (Community Service Coordinator) at Princeton High School, 683-4480.

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Anthony Bartolino, 67, of Hamilton, died Saturday, November 21 at Princeton Medical Center.

Born in Princeton, he lived here 26 years and in Lawrence 30 years before moving to Hamilton 12 years ago.

He was a member of the National Guard.

He owned PMC TV Service, Princeton, for 25 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a former member of the Princeton Italian-American Sportsman's Club and a member of Elks Lodge 2129 of Blawenburg, National Baseball Congress Umpires Association of Trenton, Mercer County Umpires Association, Collegiate Baseball Umpires Association, Metropolitan New Jersey College Baseball Association, New York Chapter of the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials, Intercollegiate Athletic Association of Basketball Officials Board 193, College Basketball Officials Association, Central New Jersey Chapter of New Jersey Football Association Officials, and the Delaware Chapter of the National Foundation of the College Football Hall of Fame.

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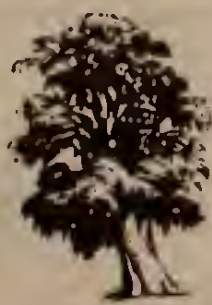
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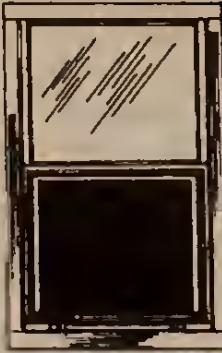
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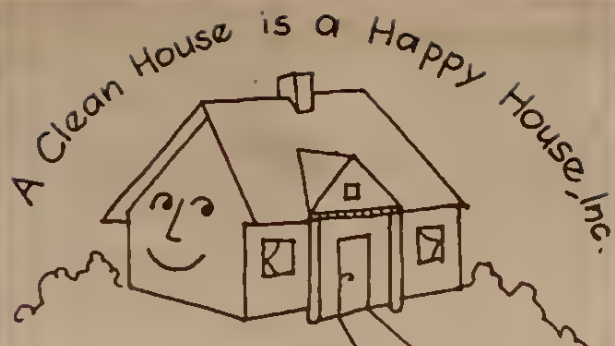
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